



Swainswick Explorers

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Permission letter

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Dear Parent

Outdoor play

Whilst your child is in our care, he/she will be playing in our garden or other natural spaces using equipment which involves some level of risk. We take care to assess each child's abilities and also talk with him/her about what risks there are with their play and how to minimise the risks. Children are alerted to the risks of yew berries, laurel, fox gloves, euphorbia, ivy berries, as well as nettles, thistles, brambles, fungi etc. Children are also shown the uses of various plants we find.

Examples of the activities we do are:

- Explore different local areas, fields, woods, streams etc on foot
- Make small rope bridges between trees
- Make a rope swing
- Use small fires for cooking or charcoal making
- Use tools to make whistles, mallets, tent pegs, small hurdles. The tools are lockable pruning saws, a small hand axe, a bill hook, small loppers and secateurs. The tools are not freely available for anyone to use. Each child is shown how to use them and is closely supervised.
- Den building

Trips in the Landrover

Whilst children are in our care it may be necessary to use the Landrover to transport them using suitable child seats where possible. The Landrover is insured to carry 12 passengers in a business capacity. Seat belts are fitted for all passengers. They are a mixture of lap belts and crossover strap belts. When appropriate booster seats will be used for children in seats with crossover belts. For after school purposes a registered assistant may pick up your child from their school in their car. Our business insurance covers them.

Registered assistant

Please give permission for your child to be picked up from school by a registered assistant, by car or by foot.

Emergency care

In the event of my child having an accident I give permission for you to take my child to hospital and to seek emergency aid.

Photography and video

During the club sessions we take photos, which we use to create a daily blog of the play going on. You can view the photos on our blog, a click from our homepage. We may also use photos for Ofsted evaluation reports, marketing and educational purposes. If you do not wish your child to appear in any such pictures, please inform us.

Please sign for Permission for 'risky' play, car transport, emergency care and photography:

Child's name	Parent's name	Signature	Date