



مدرسة جيمس متروبول الواحة  
GEMS Metropole School  
AL WAHA

# Outdoor Learning

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## MISSION

Lead, nurture and succeed.

## VISION

A sustainable and inclusive community hub, nurturing future leaders.

*Nurturing*  
**LEADERSHIP**

This policy is applied at MTW alongside our school's vision, mission and values. Alongside the principles of High Performance Learning; VAA and A.C.P. characteristics.

### Introduction

At GEMS Metropole School Al Waha, the intent for outdoor play is to facilitate learning against UK National curriculum objectives, with carefully planned activities that continue to develop children's learning.

At MTW, we encourage the students to:

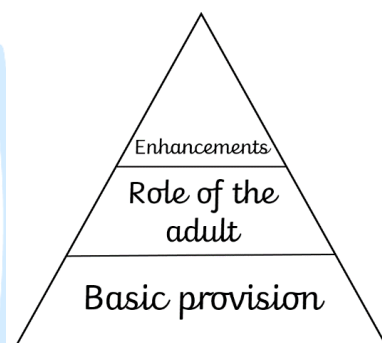
- Improve physical health
- Maintain and develop their mental wellbeing
- Develop an appreciation and understanding of the world around us
- Develop key skills, such as problem solving and reasoning
- Develop interpersonal skills, such as communication and social skills
- Develop their gross motor skills
- Explore and apply a range of vocabulary

### Teaching & Learning

**Step 1- Basic provision.** It is expected that all classes have a consistent approach to the basic provision in their outdoor learning spaces.

**Step 2- Role of the adult.** It is expected that the adult familiarises themselves with the planning and enhancements. The adult will continue to facilitate and challenge the children's learning through prompts, modelling and questioning.

**Step 3- Enhancements.** It is expected that all teachers enhance their outdoor provision for the strengths and needs of their class; this will be linked to the data collected from data captures, class Venns and GAP analysis.



### System & Routines

- Children are provided with opportunities to learn in the outdoor areas daily, supported by adults to facilitate and challenge learning opportunities.
- Class teachers and teaching assistant must model learning expectations within each learning environment.
- At the end of each day, each environment must be returned to its original condition. During registration, the teacher/teaching assistant must refill the water tray if used that day. Water must be replaced daily at least..
- Model expectations for keeping the areas clean and tidy after outdoor learning.
- If contagious disease has been identified in your class, all sand and water areas must be discarded and closed until further notice.
- Daily risk assessment of outdoor areas to be carried out by the teacher/teaching assistant including sand and water areas.
- Students must be assigned areas when using the space.
- It is the teachers responsibility to continuously check equipment and remove if damaged or unsafe and report immediately to the MSO.

### Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by MTW Senior Leaders and will be reviewed every three years or earlier if necessary.