Revision A

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SmartSaurus Nursery

48 Buckingham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea

Management Plan for

Outdoor Activities

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1. Introduction

The nursery is located at Buckingham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea and comprises a detached property with a large rear garden. It is on a main bus route close to the Town Centre and railway station which lie to the south. Both services offer connections to Brighton & Hove and Worthing. The train station and Town Centre are a 5 minute walk from the nursery.

This Outdoor Management Plan has been prepared to set out how age groups attending the nursery will use the outdoor space, including how this use will be managed in order to reduce impacts to local residents.

2. Aims and Objectives of our Outdoor plan

The aims and objectives of this Outdoor Management Plan are as follows:

- To ensure that children can learn through play from a structured plan
- To develop their appreciation of the outdoor world
- To experience, learn and explore the garden
- It forms part of their curriculum
- To provide a healthy environment that links with their progression

When children use outdoor spaces, it is a myth that they will run around aimlessly, shouting and making a lot of noise, i.e. like a school where they tend to only go out as a big group during break time. However, in the nursery we follow guidelines from Ofsted and use 'free flow' principles. Studies have shown that if you allow the children to have a choice to be indoors or in the garden, they will be calmer and be able to control their excitement. They tend to go out in smaller groups and be able to concentrate and hence learn more. The outdoor space is an extension of their learning skills which is why we have fortnightly planning that will enhance their learning and progression. Structured planning not only includes what the children will be learning but also what toys and how these will be utilised on a daily basis.

3. The outside areas

The garden is sectioned with imaginary boundaries so as to encourage children of all ages and gender to participate alongside each other during different activities:

- Quiet area
- Garden room.
  This is to be used by small groups (6-8 children) between the hours of 09.00 to 17.00
- Sand and water area
- Construction area
- Balancing area
- Math area
- Role play
- Creative area

These areas are set up daily according to our fortnightly plan and are very constructive as is forms part of their curriculum. By giving the children space and time to explore, together with play they learn exceptionally well. They also tend to behave much better and be able to communicate and negotiate with their peers easily.

4. Impact on the neighbourhood

While we appreciate that some neighbours are concerned with the perception of noise and disruption coming from a nursery. The use of the garden is very much structured and controlled and forms a part of their daily routine, which is planned and managed by members of staff.

The children are only allowed to use the garden during the period of 09.00 and 17.00. They will initially go out according to their age group but throughout the day, they will be allowed to mix with other age groups so as to further their learning and their ability to mix with all types of children regardless of age, gender or religion. By doing this the children tend to go out in smaller groups naturally as they are so engrossed in their own activity and will play with their own group of friends. It would be impractical and unmanageable if we were to allow all children to go out at once.

The proposed nursery is for 75 children, at most nurseries there is an average occupancy of 72%, which is equal to 56 children attending per day. This includes younger children who also sleep for long periods of the day. From experience at other nurseries, at any one time it is likely that only up to 18 children will make use of the garden.

The nursery closes between the hours of 18.00 to 08.00, completely at weekends and bank holidays. Therefore, We will be open only 50 hours out of 168 hours per week, with the garden in use only 40 hours per week. Working with various Council's Early Years teams across different sites, we have identified that the following measures are effective in managing activity and noise created by outdoor use:

- Use of soft safety surfaces
- Use of artificial grass
- Regular maintenance of outdoor equipment
- Rubber tyres on bikes, scooters
- To prohibit amplified music
- Garden is left tidy at the end of day
- Maintain fences to high standard to act as noise barrier and for privacy, or erect new fences if required.
- To provide a contact for neighbours, usually the nursery manager, in order that they can report and log issues with noise.
- To keep a register of all complaints or suggestions from the neighbours
- To ensure that all staff are fully aware of the policies and

guidelines for garden activities

In addition to the above, we must adhere to Ofsted regulations at all times whether the children are inside and out and make sure that staff to children ratios are correct.

5. Surfacing

The surfaces used in the nursery outdoor areas will be formed of artificial grass and soft safety surfaces. This helps to absorb sound and provides a safe surface for play.

6. Layout

A proposed layout of the garden is provided at Appendix A, which identifies the designated areas set out above. It should be noted that the garden to the property wraps around two adjacent properties, this part of the garden will be gated and locked and will not be used by the nursery as an area of play.

7. Summary

Tinysaurus run a number of nurseries within both Brighton & Hove, Adur and Mid Sussex with each rated as Very Good. They are recognised as being very well run nurseries and sympathetic to their neighbours. It is considered that the measures set out by the Management Plan will ensure that levels of noise and activity associated with the nursery will not have a significant impact on local amenity.

Any additional reasonable measures to control noise and activity suggested by the District Council or local residents will be considered for incorporation within this plan.







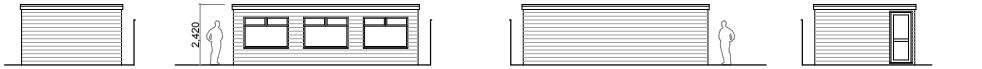




WILDLIFE IMAGES



ALLOTMENT IMAGES



PROPOSED ELEVATIONS OF GARDEN RM (1:100)

KEY

- ASTRO
- SHRUB
- WOODCHIP
- SOIL
- POLES (FOR SUN SHADE) (3200MM HIGH)



PHOTO OF GARDEN ROOM



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ITEM 1



ITEM 2



ITEM 3



ITEM 4



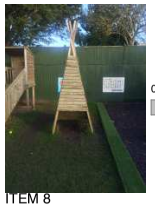
ITEM 5



ITEM 6



ITEM 7



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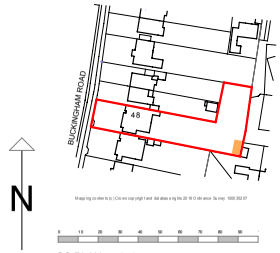

OS PLAN 1:1250



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SITE PLAN 1:500

REV C	26 JULY 18	OS PLAN & SITE PLAN INDICATED
REV B	20 JULY 18	PROPOSED GARDEN ROOM INDICATED

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1:100 @ A1

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1:50 @ A1

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