

*All policies interrelate so please check other policies for pertinent information.*

**Policies are intended to support our philosophy which is summarised in these qualities; Dynamic, Inquisitive, Responsible, Grit, Playful, Contented**



## **Nature Walks and Outings**

Artisans recognises the richness of the natural world as a resource from which children can be inspired and learn. We are lucky to have grass and woods beside us without the need to cross any public roads or through roads for private vehicles.

The woodland provides a richness in understanding the patterns and cycles of nature, the variety of shape, form and colour. It also provides opportunity for a new scale and size of experience.

Nature walks provide a chance to learn new rules of social conduct and safety in public spaces.

We ask for signed parental consent for trips within the immediate environment of Artisans as part of the registration paper work. Any who do not have consent are listed at the front of the children's data files.

All Nature Walks have at least two staff and a ratio of 1 : 4 staff to children. At least one staff member will be a qualified first aider. Walks always take a pocket first aid kit and a mobile phone. All children wear high visibility jackets. Children and staff are registered out and back by a third staff member.

One staff member will always have checked the planned route before the children leave Artisans premises.

On occasion we will seek to exploit other learning opportunities in the local vicinity such as watching diggers at road works, or playing in large puddles on the path outside. All of these will be checked by a member of staff before children are taken out and the above ratios and safety measures will always be taken.

Please read in conjunction with other policies.

This policy is reviewed annually in the Summer term  
The lead teacher on this policy is Ruth Rawlings