

# Greengairs Primary School



## Outdoor Learning Code of Conduct

*Happy      Safe      Included      Achieving*

## Where do we learn outdoors?

At Greengairs Primary School, when we take learning outdoors, we are fortunate to have a variety of environments right on our doorstep. These include:

- The playground
- The eco garden
- Wooded areas around the school
- Stanrigg Memorial Park
- Other areas of the local community

Our code of conduct outlines the essential rules that help protect ourselves, one another, and the environment, ensuring a safe and respectful space for everyone.

## The outdoor environment

Greengairs Primary School is an Eco School and is committed to the protection, restoration and the sustainable use of ecosystems and the environment. We will explore, learn, and play in ways that respect the environment. We know that plants and animals live here too, and we will be mindful of their habitat while we share the space with them

## Risk-assessing the area

When learners arrive at the designated learning area, they should be encouraged to conduct a risk assessment by visually inspecting the area. For example, the ground should be checked for sharp objects and other hazards such as dog mess. The 'Outdoor Learning Risk Assessment' can help with this.

## Boundaries

When learning outside, whether within school grounds or within the community, everyone should respect the set boundaries of the learning area. This can be done using natural features like fences, trees, or markers e.g. ribbon. Staying within these boundaries is important, as only the marked areas have been checked and approved for safe learning, exploration and adventure.

## Using equipment and natural resources

Children must follow instructions and rules to ensure that they use all equipment and natural resources sensibly and safely under supervision to keep everyone safe while learning and exploring.

## **Respecting the area**

**Everyone must respect the natural environment. Habitats should not be disturbed, and living plants and branches should not be picked or broken. When leaving the area, it is important to 'leave no trace' so as not to impact the wildlife living there.**

