



Dear Parent/Carer,

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for enrolling your child into Stramash Outdoor Nursery, Elgin. We aim to provide the highest care possible and allow your child to grow and explore in the natural world through the seasons at our Spynie site.

We've come up with a wee list of 'what to expect' from outdoor nursery...

- Your child will be well cared for in a holistic and nurturing way, this is our priority.
- Getting to know your child as well as possible is our aim, they should feel comfortable and free with us.
- Our staff are skilled, passionate, approachable and friendly.
- Your child will build social skills, make friends and learn to deal with different social situations.
- Learning will be led by your child's interests and the natural world.
- There will be lots of free, unstructured and open ended play. (Play = Learning)
- Your child will spend the majority of their time outdoors exploring the natural world.
- Risk will be managed by your child in partnership with peers and staff.
- We encourage and support independence and self-regulation – snacking, toileting, behaviour etc. (there may be more accidents or left over snack as a result).
- Your child WILL get muddy!
- We hope that you will get involved in the life of the nursery.
- There will be regular communication between staff and parents as well as access to Online Learning Diaries.
- We will focus our observations on your child for one week each term.
- Your child will be ready to go to school as much as their indoor counterparts – just in some different and similar ways.
- We want to let your child be a child.
- We follow the same documentation and requirements as any other early years centre, we follow Curriculum for Excellence, Building the Ambition and Pre-Birth to 3 guidelines.
- We will draw upon experience of three outdoor nurseries and a board of directors with Early Years expertise.
- You and your child will be fully involved in nursery planning and improvement.

We look forward to seeing you at Spynie Hall Field.

The Elgin Team