Walking to the Green Space

Overview

Walking to a local green space is an exciting shared experience that helps children feel connected to their neighbourhood. The journey itself becomes part of the learning; offering time to notice, wonder, and take part in small shared challenges along the way.



Activities

Children come together in a circle to talk about where they are going and count the magic number. The group then walks two by two at a relaxed pace. Along the way, adults introduce small challenges, such as spotting colours or listening for sounds, and pause to check the magic number. On arrival, the group gathers again to count, set boundaries and begin play.

Equipment

Register or headcount list (for checking the magic number.)
Fully charged mobile phone
First aid kit
Emergency contact details
Drinking water (weather dependent)
Hand sanitiser
Weather-appropriate clothing
Any agreed call-back item (bell, tambourine, whistle, or song cue.)

Setting Boundaries on Arrival

- Walk around the chosen play area together like a train, helping children see and feel where the site boundary is.
- Adults then mark these boundary points with bright, colorful ribbon or fabric tied to trees, posts or natural markers.
- Discuss how to move safely within the space and where to ask for help if needed.
- Revisit the boundary at the start of each visit so children feel confident and secure before play begins.