

Noise Management Plan for The Burbage Nature Nursery

1. Introduction

The Burbage Nature Nursery will operate Monday to Friday, 07:30–17:30 (with occasional extension to 18:00 by arrangement). There will be no evening or weekend use.

Outdoor play is essential under the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), and will be managed carefully to ensure children benefit from high-quality provision while respecting the amenity of neighbours.

2. Use of Outdoor Space

- Outdoor space will be available between 09:00–17:00 only.
- Children will access the garden in small, supervised groups, not all at once.
- Group sizes and times outdoors will vary by age group:
 - Babies (12 in total) – taken out in small groups for short periods, often for walks in prams or short sessions on blankets.
 - Toddlers (24 in total) – typically two outdoor sessions per day, up to 45 minutes each, in groups of 4–5. Maximum two groups outside at once.
 - Lower preschool (24 in total, ages 2–3) – free flow access in keyworker groups (up to 5 children), limited to two groups outside at a time, for up to 1 hour morning and 1 hour afternoon.
 - Upper preschool (26 in total, ages 3–4) – free flow access, but activities will be located at the far side of the garden, away from neighbours.

3. Potential Noise Sources

The following have been identified as possible sources of noise:

- Children's voices, including persistent shouting.
- Group activities such as singing or music sessions.
- Use of musical instruments.
- Arrival and departure of parents/carers.

4. Noise Management Measures

- Supervision: Outdoor play will always be supervised by staff. Persistent shouting will be discouraged, and staff will intervene promptly.
- Group Size: Only limited groups will be outside at the same time to avoid cumulative noise.
- Activity Planning: Musical activities will normally take place indoors. Where conducted outdoors, they will be short, structured and supervised.
- Location of Play: Higher-energy activities will be set up away from the neighbour's

boundary.

- Drop-off/Collection: Parents will be asked to arrive/depart promptly and not linger outside. Staff will manage handovers quickly to minimise associated noise. Handover will take place under the covered walkway near the car park, away from the neighbouring property.
- Indoor Containment: Doors and windows will remain closed during louder indoor activities (e.g. music, singing).

5. Monitoring and Review

- The nursery manager will monitor daily operations for noise.
- Any neighbour complaints will be recorded, investigated, and acted upon promptly.
- The NMP will be reviewed annually and updated if necessary.

6. Conclusion

With a maximum of 86 children, outdoor play is carefully structured and managed to ensure noise is reasonable and respectful to neighbours. The above measures will ensure no significant adverse impact arises.