

Your Kit

Now you have audited your areas and planned to incorporate outdoor learning, you need to organise your kit.

We go into countless schools, and they spent thousands of pounds on equipment, whether that's trim trails or outdoor planters or maybe even den kits. Whilst there is a place for these pieces of equipment, we suggest you keep it simple to start with.

Our kit fits into a simple backpack. It is easily accessible, low cost, and we suggest every classroom in your school has its own outdoor learning backpack making it easy to take classes outside.

Our lessons keep our basic kit in mind; you may occasionally need to grab other bits, but we always ensure what we suggest is readily available in schools.

A small backpack

I always like to have a backpack with a pocket on the front. The pocket means that if you've got children, which invariably will have, with medication in your class, and they need that medication available that can go into the front pocket when you go outside.

Having medication in a set place means the children know where it is and is easy to access. When possible, children have responsibility for putting their medication in, though a teacher or adult should always check it.

It also means that anybody else from another class needs to access the medication in a hurry; they know where that medication is.



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Occasionally, I have worked with classes with more medication than will fit into the front pocket. When that happens, I tend to have a swimming type bag that I can put the medication in. Attach this to the.

- Wool/ yarn – great for arts and crafts, measuring, marking off areas and more
- Chalk – take your writing, letter formation, art, maths or more outdoors.
- Laminated register – it is easy to keep track of who is there and who is not.
- Medications – I often kept these in the front pocket, so children knew where to find them.
- Phone – it lets you contact the school and them contact you
- Camera – great for gathering evidence
- Measuring tape (10m and Ikea little ones)- handy for maths and more
- Mini first aid kit – you never know when you will need it.
- Small ball – turn-taking or games.

