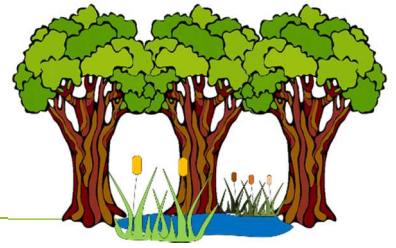


Woodland Conservation Policy



One of the principles that underpin Forest School is the awareness of the environment and the promotion of sustainability. It is essential that the children are taught to respect the environment and thus learn to feel an appreciation and responsibility for their world. It is also clear that running a Forest School will have an impact on the environment. It is therefore important that all is done to ensure the woodland is conserved and this impact is minimal.

Forest School may use a large area of woodland and many different areas to undertake sessions, therefore these areas will be given a chance to regenerate.

- Woodchip paths will be laid on well-trodden paths to minimise erosion. Children will help to maintain these paths.
- Different areas will be used throughout the week to ensure all areas are given a chance to regenerate.
- A respect for flora and fauna will be encouraged and celebrated.
- Recycled and sustainable resources will be used on our Forest School site.
- There will be a limit to the amount of dead wood burnt as it is essential for the soil layer.
- Children will be taught not to pick anything that is still growing.
- If there are different routes to take into the Forest School, these will be alternated.
- Trees will be coppiced where it is beneficial to the woodland.