



Bullying Policy

Good behaviour is positively encouraged within Forest School sessions, with much emphasis on self-discipline, courtesy and consideration for others. We recognise that children respond well to praise and therefore use it freely to promote good behaviour. We also do all that we can to prevent bullying, by reinforcing the Forest School principles.

We aim to:

- Build self-esteem, independence, motivation and learning in a safe environment
- Reinforce collaborative behaviour
- Promote awareness, respect and care for others
- Have a consistent approach to expectations
- Develop an awareness of acceptable behaviour in an outdoor environment
- Develop both children's and adult's pride in their achievements

To do this, the Forest School Leader will:

- Create a positive environment to encourage caring, nurturing and acceptable behaviour to all i.e. one another, the environment and the equipment we will be using.
- Be mindful of the need to maintain safety at all times
- Establish clearly defined standards of expected behaviour
- Place the needs of the children, including their preferred learning styles and behavioural needs to maximise individual success and raise self esteem
- Provide a positive role model for children and volunteers
- Promote effective relationships in which all are accepted, valued and treated equally.

The children will:

- Listen carefully to instructions and requests especially concerning safety
- Develop an acceptable attitude towards the environment and one another