

Lost child

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In the event of a child becoming lost while at forest school, the forest school leader will put into practice the following procedures. These ensure that a systematic approach to find the child is taken and consideration is given to the levels of risk to the child.

In the event that a child is lost:

- We will ensure a search is made for the child as soon as possible, parents and authorities are notified at the appropriate stage, and a high level of care is maintained to other children at the forest school while procedures are followed.
- We will check the register to confirm the child came to forest school. A quick search of surrounding areas will take place.
- While the initial search is made, the leader will make enquiries of all adults to establish the last sighting and time, clothes that the child was wearing, and the mental state of the child (happy, upset etc.).
- The supervisor will then telephone the police and report the situation and follow their advice.
- The parent or carer will be contacted. Telephone lines should remain as free as possible so that messages are not delayed.
- The activities for the remaining children will continue as normal and staff not involved in the search will give the children proper attention.