

BROADWAY +TOWERVIEW PLAYSCHOOL FOREST SCHOOL POLICY

Broadway +Towerview Playschool Forest School is outdoor inclusive play which promotes all areas of each child's development (EYFS). With special attention to building confidence and self esteem and PSE skills through hands on learning experience in our prepared Forest School areas.

Jude Simms, Alison Weeks-Coleman are fully trained Forest School leaders.
Jo Bason and Becky Davis are trained to carry out sweeps and safety checks.

AIMS

The principles of Forest School, its procedures and policy have been cascaded to all relevant staff.

OBJECTIVES

1. Ratios will be 1 adult to every 6 children.
2. The Forest School Leader should carry a FULLY charged mobile phone/register/details of children and adults – to include any medical conditions/risk assessment forms, first aid kit, camera and spare clothes. Also a **marked** medical bag to contain any prescribed medication i.e. inhalers, for children attending that session.
3. The children under supervision should be made aware of safety issues, will assist in risk assessments and will learn to take responsibility for themselves as part of the Forest School ethos and experience.
4. **PROCEDURE FOR TOILETING DURING FOREST SCHOOL SESSION** if a child requires the setting toilet, the Forest School leader will call all children and staff to base camp - then **two members of staff** can return to the setting with child to use toilet facilities.
5. The Forest School experience builds on each child's innate motivation and positive attitude to learning. We will be offering them opportunities to take risks, make choices and to initiate learning for themselves.
6. Wet weather dungarees will be provided and parents advised in advance of the necessary clothing = winter= warm waterproof coat/hat/gloves and wellies. Summer= waterproof coat/sun hat/ allergy cream/ sun cream and wellies.
7. Full training will be given when any tools are introduced into the experience. Children will use tools in the designated tool area and with 1:1 adult support and guidance.
8. The sessions should help children to understand, appreciate and care for the natural environment, with reference to sustainability.
9. Parents are very welcome to come and assist on a rota basis.
10. Activities should be child led and linked to the curriculum by our knowledgeable and supportive staff team.
11. Children should be observed and their learning assessed each session with the use of observation sheets, sticky obs., and digital photo evidence.
12. Once the Forest School is established and the children are considered by the leader to be confident, a fire pit will be built, using a fire basket, the children will learn how to be safe around fire. The fire area will conform to guidelines for this purpose and age group.
13. **Emergency evacuation – whistle sounded – return at once to base camp**. Any incident or accidents will be recorded in the Forest School accident book and the playschool Health and Safety Policy and Procedure adhered to. This includes staff, parents and students.
14. Fresh drinking water, washing water and wet wipes should be available for the whole session, a toileting area will be provided.
15. All Playschool policies and procedures will be strictly adhered at all times.

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