



All Saints CE (VC) First School

Policy on

Conservation in Forest School

Date: January 2020

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Forest School operates under six Principles which were agreed by the Forest School community in 2011 and provide criteria for good practice. Forest School encourages environmental awareness, sustainability and responsibility for both the local area and more widely, our planet. Principle 6 states *“Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for development and learning”*

Aim

This policy sets out to define the conservation standards required for Forest School. The policy is based on the school’s vision of a safe, caring, thinking school and applies to every individual in school.

Conservation Standards

The children will learn to respect and appreciate natural habitats through participation in regular Forest School sessions.

Fires will only be lit in fire pits to prevent damage to the ground

Kelly kettles will be used on low tree stumps to prevent scorching the ground

Hot cooking equipment to be placed on trivet to prevent scorching the ground

Foraging will only occur when there is an abundance of species. When picking plants leave stem and root for regrowth

Firewood will be brought in from off site, unless there is a plentiful supply on-site

Dead wood should be left for wildlife habitats

An area of long grass should be left for the benefit of wildlife

Planting of new species should be encouraged to create greater biodiversity

Coppicing will take place as deemed necessary by the Forest School Leader

Conservation work will take place through the introduction of activities such as: making bird feeders/birdboxes; creating log piles and bug hotels

During Daily Site Checks the Forest School Leader will assess the access routes for erosion. Restorative work can be carried out as required, or alternative routes used until recovery is evident

All equipment to be removed from site at the end of each session to return it to its natural state

This policy was agreed on January 2020

Signed Forest School Leader

Signed.....Headteacher