



All Saints CE (VC) First School

Policy on

Ratios in Forest School

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To be reviewed: January 2024

Forest School ethos is to have a high ratio of adults to learners in order for a session to take place. This is embedded in Principle 5 which states 'Forest school is run by qualified Forest School practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice'. This ensures Forest School sessions are safe, learning environments where children can take supported risks, stimulating their developments and achievements.

Aim

This policy sets out to define the ratio requirements 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.

Ratios

The maximum number of pupils per session is 16. The minimum required number of adults is 2. One of the adults will be the Forest School Leader who will hold an accredited Level 3 Forest School qualification

Tool use ratio is 1:1 initially, under the supervision of the Forest School Leader; thereafter at the discretion of the Forest School Leader depending on the level of competence of the learners

Fire-lighting will operate on a 1:1 ratio. Campfire cooking, including the use of toasting sticks, requires a 1:1 ratio, although the Forest School Leader can use their discretion depending on the age and competency of the learners.

This policy was agreed on January 2020

Signed Forest School Leader

Signed.....Headteacher