

Hakeford Woods Forest School

Site Evacuation Procedures

If an incident occurs or situation arises that requires evacuation of the Forest School site, the normal evacuation location would be the main car park near the main gate.

If extreme weather conditions (very high winds or similar) occur that make parts of the site unsafe, the Forest School session will be called to an end and participants returned to their school site or homes. If transport is not readily available, all participants will wait in an area safe from hazards such as falling trees. In the case of high winds this would be in the middle of the second or third meadow. Evacuation would take place in such a way as to avoid spending any length of time within the range of large trees.

Emergency Fire Procedures

Fires are a regular and integral part of many Forest School Sessions. The nature of Northern European Deciduous woodlands makes it highly unlikely that a fire would get out of control and cause a major incident.

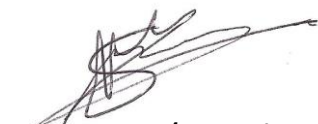
However, if fires are made in areas where there is a large amount of flammable material there is the potential for a fire to spread in an uncontrolled manner. As such cooking and heating fires are built in designated fire areas, contained within a ring or square of logs. If participants make individual fires these are to be built on a cleared area of ground to reduce the chance of spreading.

If a fire does spread in an uncontrolled manner, all participants are to be moved from the danger area by one of the supervising members of staff/accompanying adults. If appropriate and safe to do so, the Forest School Leader present will use the fire blanket, or water bucket to extinguish the fire and make the area safe before allowing the participants to return to the area.

If the fire is of a major scale and can not be controlled safely using the above procedures, site evacuation procedures are to be followed and one of the supervising is to contact the appropriate emergency services, providing the site details outlined in "Accident and Emergency Procedures" and written on the inside doors of the storage containers.

If injuries have occurred as a result of the fire, emergency procedures are to be followed as per "Accident and Emergency Procedures"

Approved



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