



The Little Firefly Forest School

Environmental Policy

The main purpose of our Environmental policy is set out how we will interact with our environment every day.

We aim to:

- Educate the children about the environment – for them to develop a sound base of knowledge, understanding and skills that children will need to make sense of environmental issues.
- To provide education in the environment - to give children first-hand experience of the natural environment we provide.
- To provide stimulus for learning a wide range of skills through education through the environment.
- Education for the environment focuses on sustainable solutions to environmental problems, taking into account, that there are conflicting interests and different perspectives.

Aims and Objectives:

It is important for the The Little Firefly community to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of their actions upon the environment in which we play each day. In order to do this, we need to take responsibility for our own actions and we need to have a sense of duty and care for the world in which we live.

We encourage both our educators and our children to continually think about their environment and how their actions and play may impact upon it. To this end we encourage and reinforce environmental education in all aspects of everyday life in the forest.

The ways in which we will strive towards this goal is to reduce the amount of materials we use and waste we produce, recycle and re-use materials wherever possible, restore what is deemed to have been destroyed and respect our neighbours and our environment.

Re-use, recycle and restore:

We aim to re-use, recycle and restore when using appropriate materials in the forest wherever we can. We also accept donated materials to limit our need to buy from new.

Energy

- When indoors, we will switch off lights when they are not in use.
- When indoors, we will keep outside doors shut in cold weather.

Water

- When indoors, we will make sure we turn off taps when they are no longer needed
- We will not waste water while in the forest and will transport water in re-usable containers.

Paper

- We use a limited amount of paper in the forest but when we do use it, we encourage the children to use both sides of the paper. We recycle all paper materials wherever we can.
- We will choose natural and re-usable materials above paper when appropriate.

Plastic

- Daily litter picking of the area recycling any plastic we find.
- We avoid plastic toys in the forest
- All our food packaging for transporting food to and from the forest is re-usable rather than single use packaging

Transport

- We will continue to encourage our families to walk to lift share or use an economical form of transport wherever possible
- We will encourage our staff to share transport whenever realistic and possible

Wildlife & Environment:

- Children are encouraged to be gentle and kind with all things in the forest and to return all living creatures to their original habitat.
- Litter picking of the area takes place every day to reduce any waste

- The site is closely monitored to ensure there is no damage left behind and that we leave the area as we find it or if possible, in a better condition.
- Children are encouraged to treat all of our equipment with respect. All equipment will be repaired wherever possible.
- We will respect our environment and all living creatures.