

# School Visit to The World Outside Teachers Pack

#### About your day

We will meet you on the arboretum terrace when you arrive, where you will have time to use the facilities, before we head off to the forest school site for your chosen programme. Once at the site we will stay there for the day unless you have chosen a programme that includes the self-guided visit to the arboretum.

We will explore your chosen subject with a variety of activities that can be adapted to, to meet the needs of your group.

Participates will enjoy these outdoor activities in a relaxed and spontaneous manner though a variety of focused and learner-led activities. This allows the participant to develop and learn in a way that is beneficial to their development of self-esteem, confidence and respect and provide opportunities for an inquisitive and positive

#### Aims

- To learn about the subject matter
- To gain practical outdoor skills, try new activities and initiate ideas
- To operate independently within the outdoor environment
- Safety: To show awareness of the boundaries set and behaviour expectations for the site and activities by following instructions.
- For the forest school leader and accompanying adults to show adaptability and versatility during the session
- Health: To appreciate a need for hygiene in the outdoors
- To engage with nature and interact with the outdoor environment and approach outdoor learning experiences positively
- To build self-esteem and self confidence
- To promote team building and trust.
- To learn to care for one self, others and have an understanding of the natural environment
- To increase communications skills and create listening opportunities
- $\bullet$  To promote opportunities for exploration and discovery.

A list of the activities and the structure of the day will be attached separately, along with a copy of the quote and the terms and conditions.

The programme is bespoke to your group, should you wish to make changes or add an activity please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss the options.

You are welcome to visit the arboretum prior to your visit with a colleague to carry out your own risk assessments on a day it is open to the public (Please check the website for opening hours -www.bodenhamarboretum.co.uk)

When you arrive go to the reception desk and mention that you are visiting to carry out a risk assessment for a school trip to obtain an entrance sticker.

#### Important Information

- Activities are led by a level 3 forest school leader with an enhanced DBS and first aid qualified.
- School staff are responsible for the administering of first aid, medication, behaviour, welfare of their pupils at all times.
- Students will need all day supervision and each group will need a supervising adult to support the activities. We suggest a ratio of 1:6 for groups of 30 for key stages 1 and over and 1:4 for preschool
- For parties over 15 or more it may be necessary to split them into groups for certain activities. All groups should have a first aider present and a first aid kit. If the group is to be split in to two you will require two first aiders with first aid kits.
- All children will need suitable clothing i.e. wellies; layers of warm activity clothes, hats, warm/layers of socks, scarves gloves/ sun protection cream waterproof coat and trousers.
- If visiting for the whole day, all staff and pupils should bring a packed lunch and adequate drinks for the day. All rubbish arising should be taken back to the school with you.
- Please note that unless entry to the arboretum has been included in the quote you only have access to the forest school site, not the arboretum, you do not need to pay entry to the Arboretum to attend forest school.
- Prior to your visit please make us aware of any students with additional requirements or special needs so if possible we can make all necessary arrangements.

### Learning Outcomes and Curriculum Links

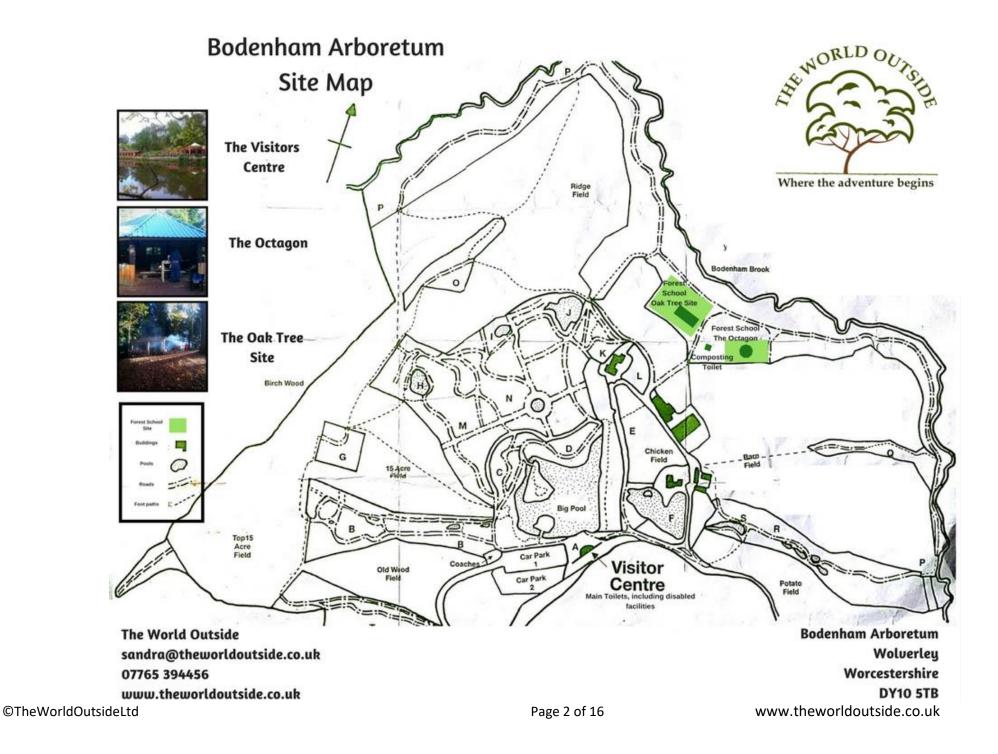
- ART
  - Creative imagination
  - Design
  - Practical application
  - Use of fine motor skills
- ENGLISH
  - Discussion, imagination
  - Development of language
  - Fine motor control with writing
- DT
  - Building,
  - Drawing, planning, imagination, creating
  - Using equipment
  - Cooking
- SCIENCE

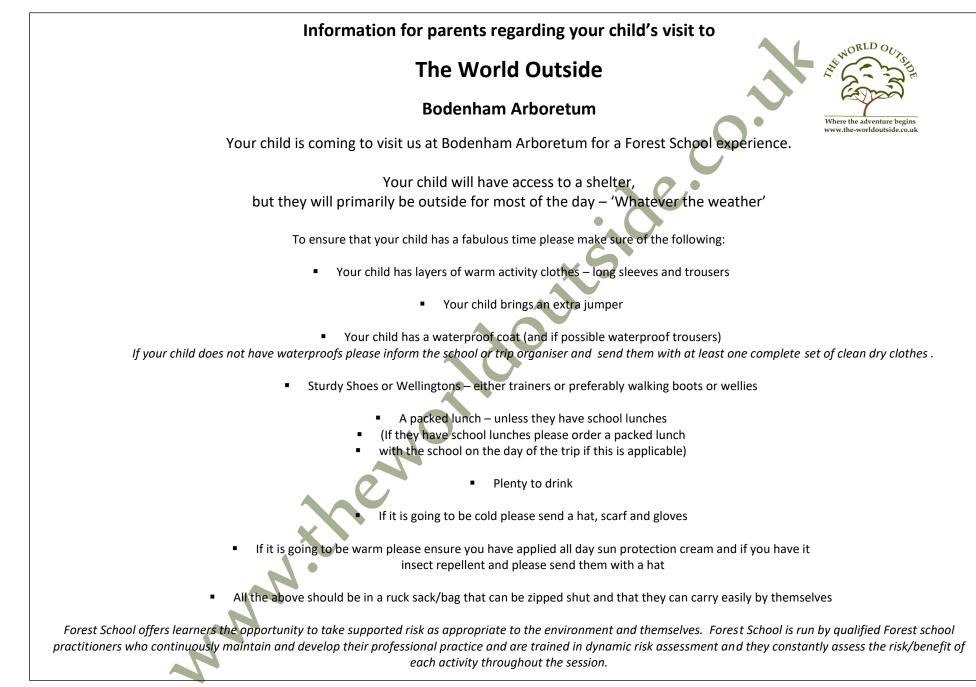
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- Understanding of natural processes
- Use of materials for a purpose
- Material properties
- Identifying and classifying
- Observations
- Change of state
- Habitats –Microclimates etc
- Fire Triangle
- Key classification/
- TEAM BUILDING
  - Communication
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- HISTORY
  - Knowledge and understanding of the subject matter

Cooperation

- Process of change
- MATHS
  - Measuring, length, estimation
  - Balance and forces
  - Critical thinking
- GEOGRAPHY
- Weather
- Seasons
- Continents
- P.E.
  - Taking part in outdoor and adventurous activities





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# Activity Risk Assessment

Steps/ activity	Benefit	Hazard	Risk	Action Proposed
Meeting area in front of visitors Centre	Gather all the children together away from the car park/ Use the toilets	Falling in the Lake	Drowning Wet clothes and cold	Keep children under control and together Move to activity site as soon as possible Keep children away from the edge of the pool Children to be supervised by adults at all times including use of arboretum facilities i.e. toilets
Children's health and Welfare and Safeguarding (See Policies and Procedures)	To ensure that the children have a fun and happy trip and return home safely	Medical conditions Incorrect clothing General Public	Allergies Asthma Cold Hyperthermia Sunburn Inappropriate contact with other people	Ensure medication is at hand forest school leader is aware Check clothing on arrival Avoid days when arboretum is open to the public Avoid days/area with high concentration of public. Close supervision when in public areas Closely supervise toilet use
Walking to site	To get to site from meeting area	Car park – moving vehicles Lake Farm animals (see below) Farm vehicles	Hit by vehicles Drowning Bites Scratches Zoonosis – Diseases/bacteria Trampling Setting loose	Walk to site together, supervision by Adults. Adult to lead the group, adults spread through the group. At least one adult at the rear. Shut the gates
Entering Site	To access site	Barbed wire – Slip and trip	puncture wounds , scratches and gashes Ankle/leg back injuries	Warn participants Avoid activities near the fence No running Sturdy footwear Shut the gate
Movement of wheel chairs/ pushchairs around the arboretum and site	To allow non-walkers and new walkers opportunity to get to access site and allow carers to bring older children with young siblings	Pushing buggy/ wheel chair over uneven and soft ground	Strains/pulled muscles Jolting of child Damage to equipment Tipping over injuring child	Assess suitability of buggy for rough terrain. Warn operator of dangers. Change route if possible or if possible change activity if pram/ wheel chair access is required. Offer alternative activity for wheel chair user if acceptable and practical Avoid use of pram/ buggy's if possible. Encourage child to walk if practical and able

Steps/ activity	Benefit	Hazard	Risk	Action Proposed
Moving around arboretum and farm (see also generic site risk assessment)	To access the forest school site	Slip and trip Bumps and pinched fingers Farm machinery Farm Animals (see below) ,	Hit by vehicles Drowning Bites scratches Zoonosis – Diseases/bacteria Trampling Setting loose Gates/Cattle Girds	Warnings of rough ground and risk of slip and trip Warn of dangers, stick together as a group, and walk around site. Discourage running when moving with fields containing stock and when machinery is in use. If walking through a livestock area if necessary ask group to stick together not to run or shout. Warn participants that the animals can bite and avoid direct contact where necessary Suitable foot wear Beware of when passing through gates. Warn of dangers. Hold open to do let slam shut! Use gates. Do not cross cattle grids
Participants with physical and mental impairments	Access to environment and learning experiences that they might not ordinarily have experience of	Impaired movement and senses Not being able to access the activities or site Lack of understanding of instructions or awareness of possible dangers	Participants unwaringly entering in to dangerous situations Slip trip burns	Ensure that participants have carers Carers responsible for participants at all times Clear instructions relayed to carers and participants Activities set up that enable participants to enjoy the visit and get the most of the woodland experience
Weather	Sensory development	Cold/ Heat/ Sun	Hyperthermia Asthma Allergies Sunstroke Sun burn	Appropriate clothing Medication and medical forms Medication and medical information to be gathered by teachers/parents. FSL to check this has been done.
Walking and moving around over slipping, uneven and sloping ground with hidden tree stumps	To explore access the activities Increases balance, movement and gross motor skills	Slip and trip	Ankle, leg, knee, arm strain/ twisting Back injury	All participants to wear suitable sturdy foot wear. All participants to move around site with care No running Warn Participants of dangers



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Farm animals (see also generic site risk assessment. Individual risk assessments and Policies and procedures)	To gain access to the forest school site	Farm animals – frightening / scaring animals so as to panic and injure themselves or participants Contact with animals, pens fences and food Farm Dogs running loose Visitors Dogs	Zoonosis – Diseases/bacteria Trampling Setting loose Bites Animal Faeces Lymes disease Orf Leptosirosis To Pregnant women - chlamydiosis, toxoplasmosis and listeriosis affecting health of mother and	If walking through a livestock area if necessary ask group to stick together not to run or shout. Warn participants that the animals can bite and avoid direct contact where necessary. Where necessary avoid animal enclosures and contact Advise pregnant women that they should avoid contact with the farm animals and must not come into contact with lambing/calving animals. Wash hands thoroughly after coming into contact with livestock ,feed or pens Children told not to approach or touch dogs Farm dogs to be sent away from the group Visitor and leaders dogs on lead restricted movements in Forest School. To be tied up by the gate or in the cage provided if available
Moving around forest school site (see general site risk assessment)	Allowing children to explore freely	No physical boundary to forest school site	unborn baby. Lost children Drowning in pool/ stream Vehicle movement on track Machinery an power tools Staff/Visitors of the arboretum	High Adult/ child ratio Make adults aware of the dangers Inform children of the boundaries and the dangers - if they can't see the fire circle they are out of bounds Observe children from points around the sight specifically the bottom access point.
Participants visiting that may behave inappropriately	Opportunity to go on visit and new experiences	Inappropriate /bad behaviour of children causing	Lost /missing children, damage to property, animals, other's themselves	Teachers to supervise and be responsible for the children at all times. Children asked to leave premises if behaviour endangers property, children, themselves or animals Teachers/ party leaders responsible for children's behaviour at all times
Critical Incident	Keeping everyone safe and in good health	Poor communication Lack of information Lack of instruction	Confusion Distress Delay in obtaining Assistance/help	Where and When appropriate dependant on incident Leader to phone 112. Visitors Centre 01562 852444 James Binian Owner 07967 550342 Sandra 07765394456 Follow emergency procedure in handbook or shelter Teachers to inform school Responsible adult to gather and retain children in a safe place until incident is resolved/in hand

Steps/ activity	Benefit	Hazard	Risk	Action Proposed
First Aid	Ensure that participants receive adequate and affective first aid in the case of an emergency Protect participants and leaders	Inadequate or no first aid received Delaying calling emergency services Emergency services cannot access the site	Increased serious ness of injury Irreparable or permanent damage Loss of life	Up to date Asthma Policy Ensure all participants have medication/healthcare plan and adult trained to administer All leaders have an up to date first aid certificate Teachers / Carers and Parents are requested to carry out first aid/ have medical plans OS reference and Instructions in Forest School Shelter Due to location request a 4 x 4 ambulance Know the postcode and location of venue Adequately describe incident and location to If in doubt call 111 for advice/guidance or 112/999 for advice in an emergency situation Do not guess! Unless no signal/help

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Due to the nature of the site and the activities, this risk assessment will be evaluated throughout the year and through the course of the visit and adjustments made as and when necessary to adapt to the situation and group

**N.B** All children and staff should be dressed appropriately in activity clothes with sturdy shoes/ boots, wellies if wet as the site can get very muddy. For Forest School long sleeves and trousers are essential. Everyone should bring waterproof clothing, a change of clothes and wear activity clothes. If staying over lunch time bring a packed lunch and a drink.

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## Bodenham Arboretum Site Risk Assessment

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Venue and Postcode: Bodenham Arboretum DY11 5TB	Location: The Octagon, Boundary Wood Site and Car Park Site
Assessment carried out by: Sandra Hill	Signature:
Review Date: January 2025	
	Date: January 2024

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Site Checked for:-	Hazards	Action Proposed
Canopy Layer –	Fallen Branches/dead branches	Remove Branches where possible.
Mature Oak tree,	Tree fruit –i.e Acorns	Avoid site in High winds – Visual check of trees after high winds have ceased
Mature Conifers	falling/consumption	Monitor continuously throughout the year
Eucalyptus	Spiky cases of sweet chestnut	Warn participants
Sweet chestnut	Branches	Maintain site
Other deciduous trees or varying varieties		Remind children about particular trees at certain times of year
		Participants to walk around the site
Shrub Layer	Poisoning – Holly/Yew	Supervision and observation.
Brambles	Thorns	Make participants aware - advise no pick/no lick
Holly	Branches	Hand washing facilities
		Gloves if appropriate
		Remind children about particular shrubs at certain times of year
		Advise no pick/no lick
Field Layer	Poisoning – Foxgloves	Make participants/ helpers are aware - advise no pick/no lick
	Cut's Bracken	Supervision and observation
	Splinters – Brambles	Hand washing facilities
		Gloves if appropriate
		Remind children about particular plants at certain times of year
Ground layer	Slip and Trip -	Make participants aware - advise no pick/no lick
Sloping Ground Steep in places	Trip – Stumps	Supervision and observation
Holes	Trips/ Scratches from Brash	Participants to wear suitable foot wear
Roots	Poisoning from Fungi	Clear brash from path ways
Fungi –Fly agaric etc	Stings - Nettles	Make participants aware of fungi and the dangers
5 , 5	Irritant – spruce brash	Hand washing facilities
	- F	Avoid moving on the steepest areas.
		Gloves if appropriate

Site Checked for:-	Hazards	Action Proposed
Wild animals	Bites/Stings	Check area for nests and habitats regularly
Snakes	Disturbing habitats	Monitor site for animals especially at certain times of the year – i.e. froglets in July. Slow worms and
Adders/Slow worms/Grass snakes	Moving/ touching and causing death	snakes on warm sunny days.
Amphibians – toads newts, frogs, froglets	to certain animals can be an offence	Avoid handling or handle with gloves depending on species.
Insects	under the wildlife and countryside act	Return animal to habitat. Reinstate habitat if possible – i.e. put stone/log back
Bee/Wasp nests/Wasps/Hornets	1981	
Wild animals - Deer	Deer using site- Ticks -	Monitor site regularly for signs of ticks.
	Lyme disease	Children to wear long trousers and sleeves
	Tick Borne Encephalitis	Wear insect repellent
	No ticks seen	If ticks are found to be on site avoid walking through long grass and bracken.
		If ticks found on site. Check children for ticks if they venture in to areas where ticks can be found
		If a tick is found on a child, remove with special tick removing tool and advise parent/carer/ teacher of
		dangers and symptoms and to take child to the doctors asap if a tick is found.
Birds - Nesting	Disturbing nesting birds – offence	Check site for signs of nests – especially during the nesting season – March to June.
	under the wildlife and countryside act	Check dens
	1981	If nest is found tape of area and ensure that the area is not disturbed until chicks have fledged. Beware of
		birds starting a second brood and leave area undisturbed for at least 3 weeks after fledging
Walking to site.	Drowning – path alongside pools	Adequate supervision,
	Lost participant	One adult leading one at rear.
	Animals/livestock	Registration and head count
		Group sticks together
		Avoid animal fields if practical and possible
		Hand washing available
Access to site	Via Gates	Ensure Gate is shut.
	Tramped limbs.	Rope around gate access.
	Knocks to body and head.	Care to be taken when going through sprung loaded gates
	Straying animals	
Boundaries to site	Scratches -Barbed Wire	Make participants aware the dangers and avoid activities close to the boundaries.
	No physical boundary around parts of	Participants to stay with sight of fire circle
	the site	
Other People using the site	Visitors to Arboretum	Stickers Identify Visitors
	Farm/Arboretum Staff	People without stickers to be challenged
		Sites situated away from main visitor areas
		Staff aware of site locations
		Inform arboretum/staff of activities and locations

Drowning – Pool Lost children Disturbance to Arboretum Visitors Falling into lake Shelters – The Octagon and the Oak Tree Shelter	Supervision of participants Move off to site as soon as possible. Keep children together and under control whilst waiting for the session to begin Check prior to each session for visual structural issues
	Annual check to ensure structural sound and fit for use
Composting Toilet Children falling into the toilet	Toilet to be locked to prevent unsupervised activity The hole in to the toilet is small and the seat also has a toddler insert Children to be supervised – Young children to be accompanied into the toilet with either parents or DBS staff, Older children to be allowed to be accompanied but parents or staff to wait outside on close hand. In case of falling a rope to be kept within the toilet to assist a rescue. Numbers of staff to be placed in the toilet in case of emergency
Falls Frayed ropes Falls, bangs to head, legs and arms	Equipment to be checked at the beginning of each session, for damage to rope and trees Children to be warned of the dangers and also if a large group children to be supervised Only one child at a time on the equipment
Burns Spread of fire Loss of resources and facilities	Make participants aware of dangers and discuss with participants Enforce fire circle etiquettes with children and adults at all times. Fire circle etiquette —i.e. no one in the circle unless cooking/walk around the outside of circle. No one in circle at all unless cooking on the fire or assisting a child. Supervision Use of gloves Qualified first aiders Distance between fire and seating Movement within circle kept to a minimum Water available for extinguishing fire and emersion Ensure fire is fully extinguished at the end of each session. Do not throw anything into the fire.
For meeting in case of emergency	An area adjacent to site for meeting in case of emergency/unexpected incident/event Boundary site field outside the gate Car park site – Overflow car park The Octagon – The grass path next to the shelter
	Children falling into the toilet Falls Frayed ropes Falls, bangs to head, legs and arms Burns Spread of fire Loss of resources and facilities

Site Checked for:-	Hazards	Action Proposed
Wood burning Stove	Burns – because of the heat of fire	Make participants aware of dangers and discuss with participants
	Touching hot metal	.Enforce fire circle etiquettes with children and adults at all times.
	Spread of fire	Fire circle etiquette –i.e. no one in the circle unless cooking/walk around the outside of circle. No one in
	Loss of resources and facilities	circle at all unless cooking on the fire or assisting a child.
		Supervision
		Use of gloves
		Qualified first aiders
		Distance between fire and seating
		Movement within circle kept to a minimum
		Water available for extinguishing fire and emersion
		Ensure fire is fully extinguished at the end of each session.
		Do not throw anything into the fire.
		Due to location, use a fire guard when necessary
Dogs	Bites	All dogs to be on leads unless Bodenham staff dogs/working animals.
	Frightening participant	Farm dogs to be sent away with verbal instruction and children asked not to touch/stroke/pet dogs.
	Knocking over	If visitors dogs are not on lead, the must be requested to put their dog on a lead. Or if they do not comply
	Farm dogs	or no owner is to be found . Farm/arboretum staff to be informed immediately to protect visitors and
	Allergies	livestock.
	Asthma	Dogs to only be allowed on site at FSL discretion. To be kept on tight lead and under strict control . No dogs
		within the fire circle
Farm animals	Farm animals – frightening / scaring	Avoid animal fields if practical and possible
(see also generic site risk assessment and	animals so as to panic and injure	Ensure all gates are shut immediately after use
specific risk assessments)	themselves or participants	Hand washing available
Cows	Kicking/Kicks Bites, Scratches	Avoid walking through livestock areas unless necessary
Sheep/Pigs	Contact with animals, pens fences and	If walking through a livestock area if necessary ask group to stick together not to run or shout.
Donkeys/Chickens	food	Warn participants that the animals can bite and avoid direct contact where necessary.
	Zoonosis –Diseases/bacteria	Where necessary avoid animal enclosures and contact Advise pregnant women that they should avoid
	toxoplasmosis and listeriosis ORF	contact with the farm animals and must not come into contact with lambing/calving animals.
	Waterborne diseases - Leptospirosis	Wash hands thoroughly after coming into contact with livestock ,feed or pens
	Trampling Setting loose	
	To Pregnant women - chlamydiosis ,	
	toxoplasmosis and listeriosis affecting	
	health of mother and unborn baby.	
Stream and Pools	Drowning	Make participants and supervisors aware of the dangers
		Supervision.
		Adequate adult child ratio
		Boundaries ensure that the participants are aware of them. (They need not be physical)

Site Checked for:-	Hazards	Action Proposed
Cattle Grid	Slip and Trip	Tell participants to use gate the side gate
		Do not cross the cattle grids on foot.
		Use the adjacent gates and access points
Other	No significant other identified at this	Continuous monitoring and re assessment throughout use of sites
	point in the assessment	

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### **Terms and Conditions**

For our forest school activities, we require a minimum of 2 staff or responsible adults per session. Our child-toadult ratios are as follows:

- Ages 5 and over: 1 adult for every 6 children
- Ages 3 to 5: 1 adult for every 4 children
- Under 2 years: 1 adult for every 3 children

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Please inform the Forest School Leader of any significant needs (medical, physical, allergies, learning or physical disabilities, dietary preferences etc.) of the children when booking.

Staff must have any necessary medications (asthma inhalers, epi pens, healthcare plans, etc.) for their pupils on site.

- 1. Children cannot participate if the appropriate information or necessary medications are not available on site.
- 2. School/group staff are responsible for first aid, medication administration, and overall pupil welfare.
- 3. Each group must have a qualified first aider and a first aid kit. If the group splits, each subgroup needs its own first aider and kit.
- 4. For groups of 15 or more, splitting into smaller groups for certain activities may be necessary.
- 5. Children should wear suitable clothing (wellies, warm clothes, hats, gloves, sun protection, waterproofs) and bring a change of clothes and an extra jumper.
- 6. If visiting for the whole day, bring a packed lunch and drinks. The arboretum restaurant may not be open. All rubbish should be taken back with you.
- 7. This quote is valid for 2 months from the date of issue.
- 8. The minimum charge for forest school is £220.00, unless stated otherwise. Entry to the arboretum is not included unless specified in the quote.
- 9. Payment is via BACs transfer only. Cheques are not accepted. A £25 fee applies for cheque payments.
- No deposit required. Payment due within 21 days of invoice. Late payments incur a £45 surcharge and 10% interest above the Bank of England's base rate. Unpaid invoices accrue an additional £40 weekly.
- 11. Invoices may be issued in advance. Please provide an email address for the finance department.
- 12. In case of cancellation beyond our control within four weeks of the visit, payment is still due, and an alternative date will be arranged.
- 13. Cancellation policy:
- 14. Over 1 month's notice: No charge

15. 1 month to 2 weeks' notice: 50% of booking charge

Less than 2 weeks' notice: Full charge

Please note, attendance at Forest School does not require arboretum entry, and Forest School attendance does not include arboretum access.



**Booking Form** 

		Grou	p Details			
Name of Schoo	l/Group		•			
Name of Group	-					
Date of Visit						
Number of Chil	dren					
Age of children	/Year group					
-	ompanying adults					
Address for Cor			Local Addres	s if on a	residentia	al trip
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Required Activi	ties/ Theme/Desired C	urriculum Links:				
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Where did you	find out about The We	orld Outside?				
Please sign belo	ow to accept the follow	wing:				
Responsibility for Group: You accept responsibility for the behaviour, welfare, safeguarding, first aid, and medication administration for your group members. You, or an appointed group leader, must supervise the group at all times and ensure that all accompanying adults understand their supervisory roles and responsibilities. Outdoor Activity Acknowledgment: You understand that the group will be outdoors for most of the day, exposed to weather elements. It is your responsibility to ensure that all group members are appropriately dressed in sturdy shoes, warm layered clothing, and waterproof gear. Cancellation Policy: Full payment is required for cancellations not communicated in writing two weeks before the visit. A 50% payment is required for cancellations not communicated in writing one month before the visit. Postponement Due to Weather: The visit may be postponed at short notice due to severe weather conditions like high winds or snow. In such cases, payment is still due, and the visit will be rescheduled to a mutually agreed alternative date. Please ensure you have read and understood these terms, which are also available on our website, before agreeing.						
Signature of tea	acher/group leader	Job Title			Date	

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