

Fire Safety & Campfire Policy – Forest School



Policy Code: FS-HS-008

Policy Name: Fire Safety & Campfire Policy – Forest School

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Review Date: Annually or following significant change/incident

Statement

Fire is a valuable part of Forest School learning but presents significant risk. It will be managed safely through strict procedures, supervision and staff training.

Key Principles

- Fire is only used when risk assessed and planned
- Children are supervised at all times
- Clear safety rules are followed

Fire Setup

- Fires only in designated fire pit area
- Area cleared of debris
- Fire boundary established (e.g. 1.5m safety circle)
- Water and fire blanket available

Supervision

- Adult positioned at fire at all times
- Children seated safely (e.g. “respect position”)
- Ratios increased where needed

Rules for Children

- Walk, never run near fire
- No entering fire circle without adult permission
- Sit in designated position

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- Do not throw items into fire

Extinguishing Fire

- Fire fully extinguished after use
- Area checked for residual heat

Dynamic Risk

Fire will not be used in:

- High winds
- Dry/high fire risk conditions
- Unsafe environments

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or following:

- An incident
- Changes in legislation
- Updates to Forest School practice

Signed:

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Date: 24th March 2026