



All Saints CE (VC) First School  
Policy on  
Risk Management and Assessment  
In Forest School

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All Saints CE (VC) First School, Busy Bees Nursery & Kingfisher Club acknowledges the many benefits of learning outside the classroom and is committed to supporting activities that enrich the learning opportunities of all children and young people. HSE endorse this approach through their 'Principles of Sensible Risk Management' and advocate that it is important that young people are exposed to well-managed risks so that they learn how to manage risk for themselves. Principle 4 promotes this: 'Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves'. This policy complies with the requirements of Health and Safety at Work Act; RIDDOR 1995; COSHH 2002; Personal Protective Equipment Regulations.

### **Aim**

This policy sets out to define the risk management requirements under which Forest School operates. All Saints First School has a legal duty to ensure that risks are managed – requiring them to be reduced to an 'acceptable' or 'tolerable' level – but not to eliminate risks. This requires that suitable and sufficient risk management systems are in place.

### **Risk Management Requirements**

Emergency contact details for participants of Forest School are to be available at each session

Risk assessments are to be completed for activities and equipment

Daily site checks are to be completed prior to each Forest School session and the check sheet signed

Tools are to be checked out and checked in whenever used

Policies and procedures are to be adhered to in line with the Forest School handbook

Knives are to be kept in a lockable container during a Forest School session and safely secured when not in use

Forest School Assistants are to read and sign the Code of Conduct for Forest School

The Forest School Leader must ensure a system is in place to contact emergency services at any time, preferably via mobile phone

The Fire Service is to be informed of a "controlled burn" on 0845 2999247

This policy was agreed on ..... January 2020

Signed ..... Forest School Leader

Signed.....Headteacher