

**Newick CE Primary School**

**Forest School Policy for EYFS & Key Stage 1**

Forest School at Newick CE Primary School is an integral part of our pupil's education. The opportunity for pupils to participate in Forest School sessions is available to all pupils regardless of age, race, physical, emotional or academic needs. Forest School is an opportunity for our pupils to embrace and take responsibility for the natural world around them whilst learning to take risks, learn new skills and develop their communication skills with pupils and adults.

In Early Years we believe the opportunity to have Forest School is fundamental to our pupils development. Pupils will have 'Welly Walk' each week in Term 1 where they will explore the environment of our school and playing fields. Forest School will begin in Term 2 and there will be weekly sessions for the remainder of the year.

In Year 1 and Year 2 we believe the pupils continue to need the opportunity to explore the world and further their skills in Forest School. Each year group will have the opportunity for Forest School sessions for two terms of the Year. These will rotate so that the pupils have the opportunity to learn outdoors through all seasons.

The content of Forest School sessions will be planned with the Forest School leader and class teacher. Forest School provides the opportunity for cross-curricular learning and the sessions will reflect the topics being taught in each year group. There will be a long term plan to show the coverage of subjects. In addition the pupils will learn a variety of Forest School skills including building and making fires, using tools and building dens with different materials. Pupils will also be given an opportunity to plan for their own learning in Forest School. There is a policy and procedure for each of the Forest School skills taught.

At Forest School we warmly welcome the support of parents in every session. They are encouraged to actively support the pupils in their learning. Parents are also encouraged to share their skills with the Forest School leader so that these can be planned into the sessions. All parents attending the Forest School sessions will be expected to follow and promote the rules of Forest School. These will be explained by the Forest School leader at the beginning of sessions or during the activities.

There are policies, procedures and risk assessments for all areas of Forest School which can be located on the school system.

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