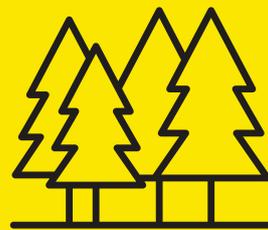


EYFS

# Nature School





Nature School gives children regular opportunities to develop curiosity, confidence and skills through hands-on opportunities outside. Nature School build a connection between children and the natural world, as well as with each other.

# 01

## Introduction

We take our children out to our Nature School space at least once a week. Nature School sessions run from Nursery to KS1.

### **Session Approach**

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) sessions are child-led, play-based sessions that encourage exploration, creativity, and discovery.

### **What are children learning and developing through Nature School?**

- Social and emotional skills including resilience, collaboration and co-operation.
- Sensory skills and experiences.
- Academic Achievement, particularly in language, communication, curiosity and critical thinking. Curiosity is key to engagement and achievement.
- Physical development, both gross and fine motor skills as children negotiate the environment and learn to use tools safely.
- A connections to and respect for the natural world and environment.
- Problem solving skills and the ability to think critically and ask questions.
- Confidence and independence, where children know how to keep themselves safe, and to judge risks.
- Respect and care for themselves, each other and the planet.

# 02

## Implementation

### **Safety Policy & Procedures**

*We look after ourselves, each other and nature.*

### **Clothing**

Please ensure your child comes prepared with:

- Long-sleeved top and trousers
- Sunhat
- Shoes that can get muddy
- Spare clothes and socks

### **Mosquito/Insect Protection**

Please apply mosquito/insect repellent at home before school. Mosquito patches can be stuck onto clothing. Staff will help children to reapply repellent provided by parents at school.

### **Sun Protection**

- Sunscreen is recommended for all children.
- A sunhat is essential.

### **Weather**

- The school monitors weather conditions, and this will be carefully assessed before each session.
- Sessions will go ahead in light rain.
- Heavy rain will mean sessions are moved indoors or postponed.
- Children will not be taken outside where there is lightning in the area, or high winds.

## **Staffing & Safety**

- Sessions are led by our trained staff.
- Ratios are kept low, in line with our KS1 ratios.
- Activities and sessions are risk assessed.
- Toilets and handwashing facilities are available at our site.
- Children will bring their full water bottle to every session.
- We teach children to assess and manage risks safely, building independence and responsibility.