

## **Tool use at Forest School**

If children are using tools at Forest School there will be a ratio of 1 child to 1 adult at all times.

All safety instructions issued by the FS Leader will be adhered to by child and adult at all times.

All tools will be handled correctly at all times.

All tools will be stored correctly before and after use.

Knives will be signed in and out by an adult.

Supervision of children is required at all times.

## **Fire use at Forest School**

All fire use is at the discretion of the FS Leader.

All instructions about fire wood collecting, fire building, fire lighting, fire maintaining and fire extinguishing will be given by the FS Leader and will be followed by all adults and children. Non-compliance will result in the activity being with-drawn by the FS Leader.

All adults and children must follow the Fire Rules as set down by the FS Leader at the times. All children are to stay behind fire circle at all times. When cooking it is best to kneel comfortably and steadily on solid ground.

All safety equipment must be worn at all times when instructed by FS Leader. This includes fire gloves if handling fire or hot wood/charcoal.

The fire circle, first aid kit, fire blanket and water must be accessible to the FS Leader when lighting a fire. Two fire exits must be made clear to the group.

Safely extinguishing the fire following having a fire or cooking on the fire is as follows;-

5lts of water is necessary to extinguish a fire

All white charcoal is to be turned black with water

Charcoal is to be removed from the site and woodland to be left as it was before fire was started.

## **Bad Weather Conditions**

Forest School will not be undertaken in high winds. If there is a weather warning of high winds the FS session will be cancelled. Sometimes this could be at short notice. The safety of everyone taking part must be a priority at all times. If a session is cancelled due to high winds it will be rescheduled at everyone's convenience.