



Scalliwags Pre-School CIO

Childcare Practice

Forest School Policy

Policy Statement

- Forest School aims to develop the physical, social, cognitive, linguistic, emotional, and spiritual aspects of the child.
- Children learn to become resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured through real-life problem-solving and achievable tasks.
- A key principle is to promote an appreciation, awareness, and respect for the natural world and conservation.

Location

- East Peckham Primary School, designated secure Forest School Area
 - Children are escorted to the primary school, following a risk assessment.
 - Scalliwags Pre-School's children wear high-vis jackets and are a maximum ratio of 4 children to one adult.

Activities

- The children undertake a range of activities, exploring the natural world.
- The Forest School session is lead by the primary School's Forest School Lead.
- The children are always supervised by Scalliwags Pre-School Staff.

Safeguarding

- Photos are only taken on the setting's iPad which is password protected.
- All accompanying pre-school staff hold a PFA certificate and an enhanced DBS check.
- The setting's DSL is one of the four staff accompanying the children.
- Only children known to the staff are accepted as part of Forest School, new joiners are not part of the group, unless in exceptional circumstances and agreed to by the Early Years Manager (DSL).

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- Staff follow the procedures set out in the settings 'outing policy'.
- Staff have first aid kit and a list of contact details in the case of an emergency as well as spare clothes and water.
- Pre-school staff always accompany children to the toilet, adhering to the 'privacy during personal and intimate care' policy.
- Register is taken directly before and after Forest School and children allocated to a named adult as part of the risk assessment.
- Parents are advised in advance what suitable clothing the children should wear.
- On returning to pre-school children wash their hands and change into dry clothing.

Review and Monitoring

This policy is reviewed annually or sooner if required, aligning with EYFS guidelines and local regulations. Parent feedback is actively sought to enhance and refine our Forest School policy and practices.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of		
Held on		(date)
Date to be reviewed		(date)
Signed on behalf of the management committee		
Name of signatory		
Role of signatory		

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