



Covid 19 Policy Holiday Clubs Summer 2020

Fruits of The Forest will keep up to date with Government Guidelines with respect to Covid19.

Extra measures have been put in place and an updated risk assessment is provided below. As part of that risk assessment, presently we can only offer half day sessions and have a maximum of 10 children per day.

Ideally the same children should attend both sessions in that week.

At the beginning of each session parents/carers will be asked to sign to declare that their child or anyone in their household is not displaying any Covid19 symptoms.

If the Government guidelines should change, we reserve the right to cancel/postpone the sessions. We will give as much notice as possible and you will receive a full refund.



Experience/Activity: Forest School Holiday Club with COVID-19 advice	Group details: 4-11 year olds
Assessment carried out by: Ruth Hill	Other Risk Assessments referred to; Site Risk Assessment, Daily Risk Assessment
Review date: 20.7 2020	Signature: R Hill Date:5.7.20

Benefits of experience/activity

Being outside in nature, research has proven that it helps reduce stress, keeps immunity strong, builds resilience and community, and keeps us physically healthy.

UK Government Guidance:

Education and childcare settings are already open to priority groups. Now that progress has been made in reducing the transmission of coronavirus, the Government are encouraging all eligible children to attend – it is no longer necessary for parents of eligible children to keep them at home if they can. In particular, as per the existing guidance on vulnerable children and young people, vulnerable children of all year groups continue to be expected and encouraged to attend educational provision where it is appropriate for them to do so.

From the week commencing 1 June 2020 at the earliest, the government will be asking primary schools to welcome back children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside priority groups. The Government will ask secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year, alongside the full-time provision they are offering to priority groups.



The government has acknowledged that 'the risk of transmission outdoors is significantly lower'. They have suggested that where possible, activities are moved outside. The DfE ask educators to 'consider which lessons or classroom activities could take place outdoors'. They highlight the challenges of implementing protective measures in education settings.

The NHS recommends:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

The Forest School Association (www.forestschoollassociation.org):

- Recognises that, as in schools, social distancing is not practical during Forest School sessions (however every effort will be made to limit the amount of contact between children), but that the overall risk of infection must be less due to the outdoor nature of Forest School and the smaller group sizes.
- Advises that alcohol gel is particularly unsuitable in a Forest School setting where hands are likely to be covered in mud and soil. A Tippy Tap is recommended.
- Advises FS leaders not to provide services for participants who would not ordinarily be together.



Experience/activity	Hazard & Risk	Level of Risk	Control Measure	New level of Risk
Carrying out holiday club sessions in forest school	<p>Spread of Covid-19 during forest school session/training</p> <p>Contracting the virus within a group setting</p> <p>Further cross-contamination within the community</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<p>The Forest School Leader requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and adults to follow the NHS recommendations listed above. • No one to attend a session if they fall into one or more of the medically vulnerable groups listed by the NHS. • If anyone displays symptoms, such as a high temperature or even a mild cough they must stay away for at least 14 days- at the beginning of each session, parents/carers will be asked to sign to confirm this. • No food and drink is shared and individual packs will be made up with the children's name on. <p>The Forest School Leader will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only provide Forest School sessions for one group of 10 children and where possible the same children will attend the both sessions available for that week. The Forest School leader will not carry out any other sessions at other schools/sites • Provide half day sessions, taking into consideration the facilities on site to reduce risk of contamination. • Design Forest School sessions that take COVID-19 into account, and observe social distancing guidelines. • Removing any equipment that is shared or that encourages close 	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p>



			<p>contact with the face eg binoculars, mirrors and some mud kitchen resources from sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched equipment before and after sessions.• Regular handwashing for 20 seconds with running warm water and soap. Using individual towels for drying hands• Tissues will be made available for coughs and sneezes, and a dedicated bin will be provided for disposal.• Observe all participants of the Forest School session, and quickly isolate anyone that displays Covid symptoms.• Keeping an open and informed dialogue with school to ensure best practises are followed, and important information is shared.• Continue to seek further guidance about community transmission, and to follow future government guidance.	
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