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Health and Safety Policy 2025/26



Health and Safety Policy

Introduction

Wild Nurture Forest School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors. This policy outlines our commitment to health and safety management, ensuring that all activities are conducted safely and responsibly.

Statement of Intent

We will ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all individuals involved in our school activities by:

- Maintaining high standards of health and safety
- Providing necessary training for staff and volunteers
- Ensuring regular risk assessments are conducted
- Communicating safety procedures effectively to all involved

Roles and Responsibilities

- The Head of Forest School is responsible for implementing this policy, ensuring compliance with health and safety legislation
- All staff and volunteers are required to follow established safety procedures and maintain a safe environment
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own safety and that of their peers

Risk Assessment

Regular risk assessments will be conducted to identify potential hazards associated with outdoor activities. Specific attention will be given to:

- Weather conditions
- Terrain and natural features of the woodland
- Use of tools and equipment

Emergency Procedures

In case of an emergency:

- First-aid kits will be readily available and staff will be trained in first-aid procedures
- A clear communication system will be established for reporting incidents
- An emergency contact list will be maintained for all students and staff

Fire Safety

- A designated fire circle will be established to identify the danger area
- Entering the fire circle is only allowed from outside the seating area
- Fire safety procedures will be clearly communicated to all participants

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Tool Use

- A separate tool use policy will be developed and followed
- Appropriate adult-to-child ratios will be maintained when using tools
- All tools will be regularly inspected and maintained

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Environmental Impact

- We will follow the Countryside Code and teach respect for the environment
- Participants will be instructed not to pick living plants or disturb wildlife habitats

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect changes in legislation or school operations. Feedback from staff, students, and parents will be considered in this process.

Conclusion

By adhering to this Health and Safety Policy, Wild Nurture Forest School aims to create a safe and enjoyable learning environment that promotes the well-being of all participants.

