

# **Equality and Diversity Policy for Wild Nurture**

### **Policy Statement**

Wild Nurture Forest School is committed to promoting equality, Our Forest school aims to: diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of our operations. We aim to create an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and able to participate fully, regardless of their background or personal characteristics.

## **Legal Framework**

This policy is based on the following legislation: **Equality Act 2010** Human Rights Act 1998 Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014

#### **Protected Characteristics**

We recognize and respect the protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

## **Aims and Objectives**

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimization, and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

## **Addressing Discrimination**

We have a zero-tolerance approach to discrimination, harassment, or bullying. Any incidents will be:

- Taken seriously and investigated promptly
- Dealt with according to our disciplinary procedures
- Used as learning opportunities to prevent future occurrences

### **Monitoring and Review**

We will:

- Regularly collect and analyze equality data
- Review this policy annually
- Consult with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to ensure our approach remains effective and relevant

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## **Implementation**

#### **Curriculum and Activities:**

- Ensure our curriculum and activities promote diversity and challenge stereotypes
- Provide materials that reflect diverse communities and cultures
- Adapt activities to ensure all children can participate fully

#### Staff and Volunteers:

- Recruit from a diverse range of backgrounds
- Provide equality and diversity training for all staff and volunteers
- Ensure fair and transparent promotion and development opportunities

#### Accessibility:

- Make reasonable adjustments to accommodate children with disabilities
- Ensure our facilities are accessible to all
- Provide information in accessible formats when required

## Language and Communication:

- Use inclusive language in all communications
- Provide translation services when necessary
- Be sensitive to different cultural communication styles

## **Responsibilities**

All staff and volunteers must:

- Promote equality and diversity in their work
- Challenge and report discriminatory behavior
- Participate in equality and diversity training

#### Leadership Team:

- Ensure the policy is implemented effectively
- Set equality objectives and monitor progress
- Lead by example in fostering an inclusive environment

## **Complaints**

Any person who believes they have been treated unfairly or discriminated against should report their concerns to [Designated Person/Role]. All complaints will be handled confidentially and in accordance with our complaints procedure.

#### **Positive Action**

We may take positive action to address underrepresentation or disadvantage in specific areas, in line with the Equality Act 2010.

## **Partnerships**

We will work with parents, community groups, and other organizations to promote equality and diversity and to share best practices.