

12.0 Forest School

12.1 Environmental/ Ecological policy

One of the core values of Start Right is that of Respect. This respect is not only for people but also for the world we live in. In the Forest School sessions, the children will learn of the beauty of the natural world and how to care for it. The Forest School leader will teach through example in the care of the Forest School site, to enable sustainable use of the site and to show respect to the natural environment.

The purchasing of equipment for use within Forest School will be thought about, and as far as possible local suppliers will be used. Ethical considerations will be made as well in regards to purchasing items where the welfare of the environment, animals and workers are paramount.

The care of the flora and fauna in the site is managed by the Forest School leader and is taught to all those who use the site. When looking for insects the children are asked to return them to where they are found so that they are put back in the appropriate environment. The Flora of the site is cared for by putting up boundaries to areas in the Spring, when flowers are beginning to appear to prevent people trampling on them.

A three year Management Plan of the Forest school site can be found in *Appendix 8.5* which details the management actions needed to take place to sustain the natural environment whilst maintaining the site as a reasonable space for educational use.