

Policy

Forest School

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

Staff must take all necessary steps to keep all children safe and well and have procedures to safeguard children.

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Policy statement

The aim of GSC Forest school is to offer EYFS children opportunities to face new challenges and learn with the help and support of qualified staff to take reasonable risks. Adults involved create a safe environment. This is made possible because the to do this safely adults involved know their role and ensure that the necessary risk assessments are carried out regularly and thoroughly supported.

Procedures

Preschool designated staff are fully responsible for offering forest school within our GSC Preschool setting They must ensure:

- The Health and Safety of the group, following the instructions of the Forest School Leader
- Full Risk assessment of the area is on file - in addition, every session a visual check and any concerns are reported.
- Maintain ratios (adult-child)
- In case of emergency mobile phone is available on site.
- Staff aware of any allergies etc
- Staff to promote positive behaviour
- Parents pre-informed of activity by letter e.g. date; clothes child should be wearing; aim of forest school activity.
- Forest school leader has current outdoor /forest school first aid certificate.
- For any refreshments provided onsite staff will ensure hand sanitiser is used.

Legal framework

Health and Safety at work act 1974 (and regulations 1992)

This policy was adopted by	GSC Ltd
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Signed on behalf of the provider	Gaddesby School Community
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Role of signatory	Manager