

LITTLE ACORNS  
FOREST SCHOOLS LTD

## Introducing our Home Education sessions

Looking for something different for your Home Schooled child?

Do you want a regular session with social skills; a progressive curriculum in an Ofsted registered nurturing environment all whilst having fun, being outdoors, experiencing challenge, risk taking and learning practical life skills?

We'll look no further! We run a weekly 3 hour session specifically for Home Ed kids and those with part time school places.

We're a well-established group and have many members of the 'Home Ed Gang' who've been coming regularly for years, some new faces and some who just dip in as and when it suits.

Sessions are for 5 – 12 year olds and we can have a maximum of 20 children in a session with 2 qualified forest school practitioners. Our staff are experienced at working with children across the Key Stages and with SEN.

All staff have up to date DBS and are trained in Safeguarding. Our safeguarding lead is Dave Churchward (LAFs MD) and Shelly Willets.

Our sessions are structured around an outdoor learning curriculum, featuring

### 8 key areas of learning:

1. Outdoor safety and preparation
2. Using my senses
3. My environment
4. Survival skills (shelter building and knot tying)
5. Imaginative Play
6. Social skills
7. Tools
8. Fire lighting





. Each child has their own 'Home Ed Forest School Learning Passport' and work through 3 tiers of progression, assessed on whether they can complete an activity/skill:

With assistance (WA), Independently (I) or Show others (SO)

We also give the children the opportunity to complete elements of the John Muir award and to act as Young Leaders.

We recognise that time in the woods is as much about the social interactions, freedom to explore, mental health and friendships, so we evaluate the children's ability to develop Emotional awareness

 LITTLE ACORNS FOREST SCHOOLS LTD Home Education End of Term Report			
Student Name:			
Term:			
Forest School Leader:			
Progress within the Outdoor School curriculum			
Area of Learning	Mostly achieving in this area		
	With adult support (WA)	Independently (I)	Showing Others (SO)
1. Outdoor Safety and preparation			
2. Using my senses			
3. My environment			
4. Survival			
5. Tools			
6. Fire			
7. Imaginative Play			
8. Social, Emotional and Communication			

<b>Social and Emotional Development</b>		
Insert spider matrix scores	Start of term	End of Term

General Comments

Targets for next term:

1.  
 2.  
 3.

and well-being at the beginning and end of each term using a spider web model. A written report is provided to parents/guardians at the end of each term to keep you informed of how your child is doing both in terms of their emotional, social and forest school skill development.

We provide children with the opportunity to cook and prepare food once a half term but we enjoy snack time together every week.



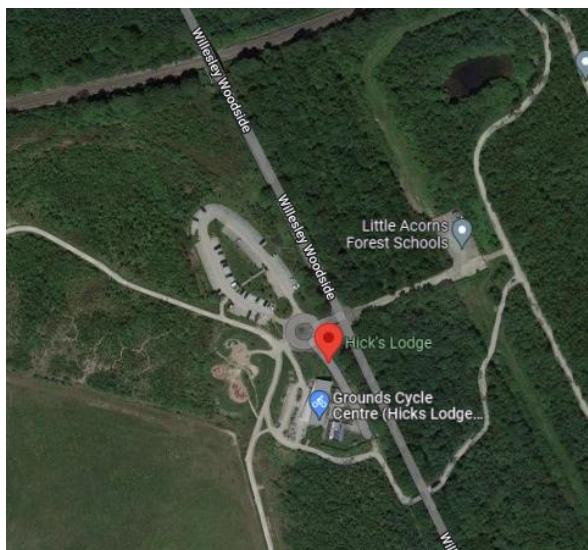
We have a closed Facebook group in order to share photographs and details of our sessions as well as messages and reminders. This is in addition to the photographs and videos shared on our main company website and Facebook page.

To book a session (or multiple sessions) visit:

<https://www.forestschooltraininguk.co.uk/forest-school-sessions/>

Cost: Sessions are £15 for 3 hours

**We meet:** in the car park opposite Hicks Lodge forestry centre. The gates open 15 minutes before the start and end of the session to allow for prompt drop off and pick up.



Sessions are run in our D site – this is an enclosed woodland owned by the Forestry Commission.



**Suitable Clothing includes:** sturdy walking shoes/wellies, a pair of water proof trousers, a water proof coat, clothes that are okay to get dirty including layers that can be added/taken off as befits the weather, as well as sun hat/woolly hat and gloves as per the seasons.

Little Acorns Forest School green hoodies are available to purchase for £15.

**What to bring:** we recommend a rucksack with a water bottle, snack for the session, a small towel or flannel for hand drying and any spare clothing.

**What to expect:** our sessions typically start with a meet and greet in the car park, friendly walk to site, a few games including the favourite woodland hide and seek – 1-2-3 where are you, an introduction of the session's skills, a focused activity then snack time, some more structured group work and then free play. We gather at the end for reflection time and discussion of the following session.

Sound good? We hope to see you at one of our sessions very soon!

Best wishes, Liz, Robin, Ed and "The Home Ed Gang"