

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.

We offer sessions in two age groups:

'Acorns' - for children aged 5-11 years

'Oaks' - for children aged 12-16 years

Both sessions run from 09:30 - 12:30 each week.

We can have a maximum of 20 children in any session with at least 2 qualified forest school practitioners present. 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 DSL is Dan Halford and Kate Morison Deputy DSL .

Our sessions are structured around an outdoor learning curriculum, featuring

8 key areas of learning:

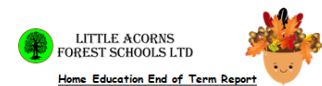
1. Outdoor safety and preparation
2. Using my senses

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.



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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			

Social and Emotional Development

Insert spider matrix scores	Start of term	End of Term

General Comments

Targets for next term:

1.
2.
3.

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 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.



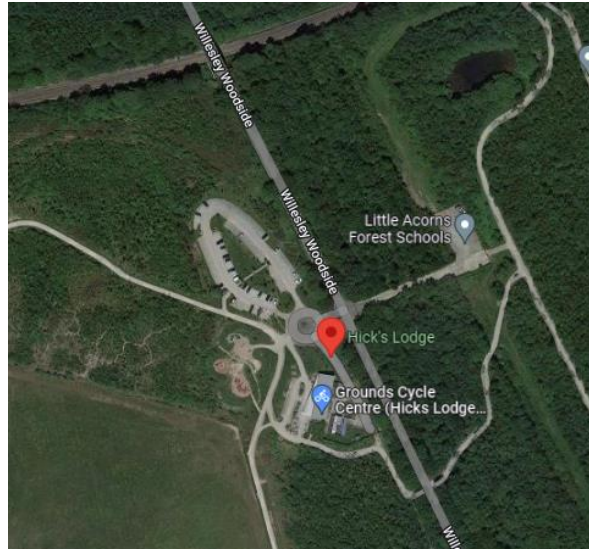
We have a closed Facebook group in order to share photographs and details of our sessions as well as messages and reminders. This is in addition to the photographs and videos shared on our main company website and Facebook page.

To book a session (or multiple sessions) visit:

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

Cost: Sessions are £15 for 3 hours

We meet: outside the cafe at Hicks Lodge forestry centre. Staff will be present from 09:15 to greet you.



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, Ed, Debbie and Michele and "The Home Ed Gang"