



## **Fire Policy**

**There is something very reaffirming and comforting to us all about sitting by a fire with a warm drink; fires and storm kettles therefore have a valuable place in forest school sessions. By teaching children about fires in a safe environment, we give them skills for the future, a respect for fire: its uses and dangers, and a sense of responsibility and independence. Fires will only be used when appropriate to do so and after guidance on how to stay safe has been shared with the group.**

**The following guidelines should be applied:**

- **Fires to be located with consideration of environmental impact and policy e.g. avoiding tree roots.**
- **Fires not to be lit in very dry or windy conditions.**
- **All fires, storm kettles to be supervised by an adult at all times.**
- **All fire areas to be contained within a 1.5m barrier.**
- **Children may only enter this upon invitation of an adult.**
- **Guidance will be given on how to behave and move around the fire area.**
- **Nothing is to be thrown into the fire.**
- **Long hair is to be tied back and loose clothing tucked in.**
- **If appropriate, children lighting a fire will be under the one to one supervision of an adult.**
- **All fires are to be extinguished at the end of a session.**

**Due to the landscape, the woodland canopy is highly visible from the main route into St Ives. Should a fire become particularly smoky, for any reason, it is advisable to contact Fire Control and inform them of the activity:**

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