



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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