



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear parents and carers,

Kindling Spirits Forest School - January 2020 Vacancies Information

I am writing to you regarding Kindling Spirits Forest School as there are possible plans to offer a further session, after school. There are also currently spaces on our Tuesday session. As some of you may know we currently have two groups running, a Tuesday and Thursday and offer places on a first come, first serve basis.

Providing forest school sessions at Kindling Spirits means that within the bounds of strict safety routines we use our woodland on a regular basis to encourage and develop not only child led learning but child-initiated learning and other new approaches to learning in a low risk environment. The whole child is encouraged to grow so that self-esteem, independence and creativity is nurtured and the ability to communicate well and co-operate with others is enhanced. Through forest school we encourage the child to develop in their natural curiosity and motivation to learn.

Forest school provides an environment in which all children can explore using all their senses and preferred learning styles, at their preferred pace. In the forest school sessions, the children will be given the opportunity to learn: -

- To use their woodland environment to help learning generally whether linked to the curriculum or otherwise.
- To learn about caring for and understanding their woodland environment
- To use some hand tools such as bow saws, bill hooks, palm drills, peelers and pen knives
- To learn about camp and shelter building
- To learn about campfires and their uses and how to safely make and maintain a camp-fire
- To use their woodland environment for creative play
- To improve their communication skills

The children's safety is paramount. For this reason, there are strict procedures that are in place before we offer forest school sessions and we adhere to a 1:6 ratio. The sessions are run by me, with two assistants. I am a qualified forest school leader and a forest school first aider.

If you are interested in the possibility of your child attending forest school or would like your child to go on a waiting list for a place with Kindling Spirits Forest School, then please complete and return the slip below to the office.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me on zoe1@live.com or you can find us on Facebook.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Halford
Kindling Spirits Forest School

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Childs Name:

Class:

Parent/ Guardian Name:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

I would be interested in my child attending Kindling Spirits Forest School.

Signed:

Date: