

Fire Safety Policy.

The fire-pit area will be designed and constructed in conjunction with recommended Forest School guidelines.

The fire pit itself will be approximately 1m across and have a surround constructed of logs to form a safe seating area.

The campfire circle should be approximately 5m in diameter.

The campfire circle will be formed so that the fire is approached by walking behind the logs to be used as seats. All individuals will step over the log upon which they wish to sit and then sit down without moving within the circle.

The logs or benches are to be the correct height to allow the children to step over to gain their seat or depart.

A maximum of four individuals will be allowed to tend the fire at any time supervised by a competent adult.

Fire gauntlets will be used when feeding and tending the fire.

All work at the fire will be performed in the 'Respect' position.

A minimum of two buckets of water and the burns kit will be positioned in an agreed position close to the fire. At other times these will be stored in the poly-tunnel.

Children will be reminded about fire safety, fire precautions and first aid prior to working at the fire area.

A safe working system will be established with the children or other adults when food is to be cooked or items heated. This will include; how to take up the 'Respect' position; how to place pans on the fire, correct use of a Kellie Kettle; how to remove items from the fire; and movement towards and away from the fire.

The fire area should be kept clear of trip hazards at all times.

The fire should be checked to ensure that it has not been used in the group's absence as other people's debris can be harmful.

The fire is to be kept small and useable.

The fire is to be extinguished completely before the area is left.

All rubbish and debris should be removed at the end of the session.

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