



# Health and Safety Policy

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Health and Safety in the Forest

Children, families and volunteers health and safety at Twiggy's is of top priority.

Aims

- To provide a safe, welcoming and happy place for children and their families to learn, create memories and develop a love for nature.
- To implement safety procedures that all participants are aware of when joining the session.
- To ensure that all staff and volunteers are also aware of procedures and do their utmost to ensure safety of participants.

## Emergency Evacuation Procedure

In the unlikely event that the site needs to be evacuated, a whistle will be blown to signal for everyone to leave the site, walking safely and ensuring that all children are accounted for.

The meeting point of evacuation will be the unmade car park at the front of the football grounds.

Evacuation circumstances could be the following:

- An unplanned fire on site;
- A dangerous person entering the site;
- High winds which exceed 40mph;
- Thunder and lightning;
- Any other event which could impact the safety of those involved in the sessions.
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## Cancellation of Session

Twiggy's reserve the right to cancel any session which could potentially be detrimental to people's safety, such as forecasted weather conditions of thunderstorms or winds exceeding 40mph.

Those booked onto the session will be notified as soon as the decision has been made to cancel and they will receive a refund for these sessions.

### Fire Safety

Fires will take place in our fire circle and children will be required to be supervised when in the fire circle. The fire will be supervised whilst lit and children will be taught about the safety involved when using a fire.

Wild cooking will take place during some sessions which children will be able to participate in.

Any child that is seen to be unsafe in the fire circle will be asked to be removed by their parents to ensure their safety is kept to the highest standard.

### Tools

Tool work will also be taking place during sessions should this be of interest to the children.

No child is forced to take part in any activity and tool work may not always be of interest.

Depending on the age of the child, different supervisory standards will be met to meet the needs and development of the child. Children will be able to participate in using bow saws, hammers, loppers, bill hooks, peelers, palm drills and an auger bit and brace.

Tool work will take place with the supervision of Liberty Griffin who holds a Level 3 Forest School Leader qualification.

Any child not listening to the rules associated when using tools which deem to be unsafe will be asked to be removed from the tool work session to ensure their safety is kept to the highest standard.

### Boundary Rope

The site will be outlined by a boundary rope as well as rainbow ribbons to display to the children where they should stay. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child is kept inside the forest school area and not beyond during the session.

### Parent Responsibility

Parents and Carers are responsible of the safety of the children they bring to the sessions and should follow all policies and procedures set out by Twiggy's