



Solutions

●●● work-based learning



FOREST SCHOOL - Introduction

Learning Intent....

- Define the Forest School approach
- Explain what Forest School has to offer children and young people at different ages
- Discuss the Forest School Principles

"Forest School is a type of outdoor education which facilitates the holistic development of the learner through play, risk-taking and nature connection"

Forest School Association (2020).



Forest School is there to encourage and inspire children through positive outdoor experiences.

Children participate in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment.

Forest School programmes run throughout the year, going to the woods in all weathers (except for high winds).

What is Forest School?

Click on the image to watch the clip and make at least 5 points...



6 principles and criteria for good practice

1. Forest School is a long-term process of regular sessions, rather than one-off or infrequent visits; the cycle of planning, observation, adaptation and review links each session.
2. Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural environment to support the development of a lifelong relationship between the learner and the natural world.
3. Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for being, development and learning.
4. Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.
5. Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves.
6. Forest School is run by qualified Forest School practitioners, who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice.

Resources

<https://forestschoollassociation.org/reading-list/>

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