

Terms and conditions for booking Child Woodland Activity sessions

When you book on to a course or event with Chichester Forest Schools, you are agreeing to our Terms and Conditions, so please read these and make sure you are happy to accept them.

Damage to personal property

Chichester Forest Schools CIC cannot take responsibility for any personal property that is lost or damaged during our events.

Woodland Activities

Your child may take part in the following activities: fire lighting, campfire and campfire cooking, den and shelter building, using tools to craft out of wood, bush craft, tree climbing, woodland games, nature activities, foraging, mud kitchen, clay modelling, rope swings, hammocks and slacklining.

Health & Safety

Outdoor activities and play always include an element of risk, whether it be getting stung by nettles or tripping over tree roots. We aim to mitigate this by risk assessing the sites that we use, giving safety instructions on the day and leading by example. We always have a trained First Aider present and have full public liability insurance. We also provide advice on suitable clothing and footwear. The more aware we are of any difficulties children might have with balance or physical co-ordination or other additional physical needs on our booking form, the better we can prepare families for this.

We have high ratios of 1:5 at our child-only events, and we ask the children to listen and adhere to our safety advice. Sessions are led by experienced fully qualified level 3 practitioners who have outdoor first aid training, food hygiene level 2 qualification and are assisted by trained assistants or volunteers. All staff have enhanced DBS checks.

Medical needs

Please make us aware of any allergies or medical conditions amongst those attending by ensuring the relevant section on the Parent Consent Form is completed for each child.

Special Educational Needs

Chichester forest schools work with many children with differing needs. Our staff have been trained to adapt their approach to children's differing needs. Please let us know of any difficulties your child may have and any behaviours or triggers that may impact on their ability to take part in forest school activities. The more we know the more we can be sensitive to your child's needs and ensure they have a fun day. We are a trauma informed organization.

Cancellation and Postponement

We will continue to run woodland sessions unless there are high winds forecast (approx. 40mph) or a thunder and lightning storm very close by. The leader of the session will check the weather forecast and inform all attendees as soon as possible by text and email if the session has to be cancelled. If the weather forecast is for storms/high winds please do check your text messages and email on the morning, to make sure you pick up any messages. We will also leave a voicemail message on our phone number 01243 680270. Please make sure your child attends the start of the session promptly as once the session has started, staff will be unable to leave the session to collect or meet a late child.

Feedback and Evaluation

We will be asking you to provide feedback on these sessions so that we can evaluate and improve what we offer. We will email you a feedback form after the session.

Photographs

We like to take photographs during sessions to put on our website, social media and marketing material. We ask your consent to do so. If you do not wish us to do so, please say no.

Behaviour Policy

We treat all children with respect and ask that they are respectful and kind to ourselves and each other. In the unlikely event that we feel a child is not behaving in a safe or appropriate way and that their behaviour is putting them in danger or is affecting the safety and enjoyment of the group we will contact you and the child may need to leave the session.