



Thomas A' Becket Infant School
Outdoor Learning:
Volunteer Agreement

This agreement is made available to all volunteering adults at
Thomas A' Becket Infant School Forest School sessions.

A massive thank you for becoming a volunteer in our wonderful Forest School at Thomas A' Becket Infant School. Your contribution to this area of school life makes a difference to the learning experience of our children, as you support them in exploring their curiosity about the natural world, boosting their self-esteem, confidence and outdoor practical skills. We hope that volunteering will in turn, increase your own sense of wellbeing through the teamwork aspect of delivering Forest School experiences and your own increased interactions with nature. Below we have created a short 'Volunteering Agreement', which is a simple two-way document that expresses our hopes and expectations of each other, as we work together in Outdoor Learning.

The Volunteering Agreement:

Forest School at Thomas A' Becket Infant School will:

- Provide an initial general induction to support you in your volunteering role. Please note that task specific training, such as use of a certain tool, will be provided when the need arises. You will be supported and directed in your role by Mrs Katie Larkham, the Outdoor Learning Leader.
- Inform you of all volunteer opportunities within Forest School which may pertain to your children / grandchildren. As well as specific volunteer projects which may be of interest to you, such as, for example, the redevelopment of certain areas of the outdoors or the installation of bird boxes.
- Advise you of the activities and/or themes of the session prior to your arrival. This will most likely be communicated via email.
- Welcome and listen to any ideas you may have for our Outdoor areas.
- Welcome and attempt to utilise any specific skills you may have which you wish to share with the children at Forest School, for example, bee keeping.
- Provide you with access to a kettle, teabags and milk and a warm place to eat your lunch. As well as clean and accessible toilet facilities.
- Take your privacy very seriously. Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).
- Ask your permission before we take a picture of you to use on our website or as part of a project report.
- Provide insurance cover for you while you are undertaking voluntary work approved and authorised by us.

As a Thomas A' Becket Infant School Forest School volunteer, we ask you to:

- Treat everyone with kindness and respect. This includes staff and other volunteers. At Thomas A' Becket Infant School our motto is 'Safe, Kind and Ready to Learn'.
- Read the Forest School Handbook and uphold our policies and standards as outlined in the Handbook.
- Follow instructions given at Forest School by a member of school staff.
- Speak to a member of school staff at the earliest opportunity if you have a safeguarding concern.
- Not take photographs of children or use your mobile phone whilst on site.

Not disclose any confidential information of which you may become aware to anyone other than members of school staff.

- If you are unable to make your volunteering session this is no problem, please call the school office on 01903 235386 so a member of the office team can pass a message on to the Forest School Leader.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our agreement. We look forward to having you as part of our Outdoor Learning Volunteer Community; you are true School Heroes!