



Forest of Avon Trust- Services for Schools

Inset days

These provide an opportunity to explore the far reaching benefits to the school community through development of inspiring approaches to learning in the natural environment. These sessions can take a variety of formats, such as:

- Presentation and discussion on the benefits of outdoor learning in the natural environment.
- An introduction to a range of nature inspired activities.
- Development work to explore how to design and develop a personalised approach to learning through contact with the natural environment.

Cost: £POA/ day for 2 trainers, who could work with up to 30 staff.

Advice and guidance on the development of your school grounds

Explore the potential for maximising the use of your school grounds for play and learning, through:

- Support in the development of an innovative and nature inspired space to enhance play and learning.
- Professional guidance to explore increasing tree cover in your school grounds through planting native trees and creating mini orchards.

Cost: £POA/ day for 1 member of Trust staff. (Joining the Forest of Avon Trust as a corporate member provides half a day of advice for free, cost: £36 per 4 Governors).

Forest School Development

The Forest School approach is fast becoming recognised nationally as a fantastic way for children to learn about nature and themselves. It offers multiple benefits, such as: increasing confidence and self esteem; coping with change and developing resilience; improved team skills; increased understanding and interest in nature.

Taster Days- an opportunity to explore the potential of Forest School with a focused group, either in your school grounds or in a woodland setting. After the session there will be the opportunity to discuss how this work could be further developed for your school.

Cost: £POA/ day for up to 15 people. (Will require support from a member of staff).

Family Forest School sessions- a great way to both involve parents in their child's learning and also as a way of enhancing parental involvement in the wider school setting.

Cost: £POA/ day for up to 10 people. (Will require support from a member of staff or parent).

Accredited Forest School Training- Forest School Open College Network (OCN) training is well recognised professional qualifications to enable the further development of outdoor learning in the natural environment.

- Level 1 is a 2 day course which will introduce you to The Forest School concept and will explore many activities that you can use straight away. The course will involve a further day of work to observe a Forest School session in action and answer some simple questions to complete a portfolio for the qualification.

Cost: £POA per person on a course of up to 15 people.

- Level 3 training is a 6-8 day course that will explore the development and running of Forest School activities in detail. This qualification will result in a member of staff being fully qualified to develop and run your own Forest School programme with the necessary paperwork and support structures in place.

Cost: £POA per person on a course of up to 15 people.

Costs: In all cases there is flexibility in how activities and training are provided. Travel to sites is not included.