



## Code of Conduct

This code of conduct outlines specific expectations that are in place when attending the Outdoor Learning Home Education Group, to help keep ourselves, each other, and nature safe.

### Keeping ourselves safe:

- Agree to abide by the code of conduct
- Stay within the activity boundaries.
- Look don't eat - unless specifically planned for during the session (e.g. foraging for wild garlic).
- Wash hands at the end of the session or before eating
- Be appropriately dressed for the time of year

### Keeping each other safe:

- Treat each other with respect
- Speak politely to each other
- Listen to others

### Look after nature:

We are visitors in the home of the plants, animals and birds. Investigate, learn and play in a manner that is respectful to nature and will not damage the environment.

- Carefully lift logs and rocks to find minibeasts and put back down where they were.
- Treat the minibeasts with care and return to their home.
- Let plants grow - collect items that have already fallen, take only a single leaf or petal.

### Be careful with that stick!

- Children should only carry sticks shorter than their arm's length - This is because they haven't fully developed their peripheral vision, so don't have the awareness of how far their stick will reach.
- Walk with sticks pointing down & away from faces. You may not run with a stick.
- Longer sticks may be dragged or carried with the help of another person
- Sticks must not be pulled from living trees, thrown or used as weapons

### Mud Digging

A specific area is provided for digging with trowels and playing with mud. Please keep hole digging within this space.

### Trees in the garden are NOT suitable for climbing

### Ponds

There is a pond within our activity boundary and another pond on site. These ponds are a wildlife habitat and should be treated with care and respect, and children supervised close to them.

### Fire Safety

When a fire is used the leader will light the fire within a fire bowl placed behind boundary markers.

- Fire safety equipment will be on hand.
- No one may enter the fire circle perimeter unless invited to do so by the leader
- There is no running past the fire circle.