



## Outdoor Education and the Forest School in the Inspire Pathway

### **Rationale:**

Through the Inspire Pathway, we aim to ensure that our students are:

- Given the opportunity to regularly access a woodland or natural environment over a long period of time, rather than a one off visit.
- Given the opportunity to develop holistically, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.
- Given the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and themselves (risk benefit!)
- Involved in their learning journey by being at the core of a learner centred process.

## Forest School in the EYFS Pathway

Intent	Implementation	Impact
<p><b>The curriculum that is offered through the Inspire Pathway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will help support the assessment of our PMLD learners through Routes for Learning.</li></ul>	<p><b>We achieve our intentions by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experiencing a range of outdoor learning experiences (sensory stories, sensory walks, heuristic play, sensology etc) that allow opportunity for PLG and Routes for learning assessment</li><li>• Visiting our onsite woodland at least once every 2 weeks.</li><li>• Creating and managing a woodland that is ideally suited to the needs of the programmers and the learners, providing them with the space and environment to explore and discover.</li><li>• Using natural resources for inspiration to enable ideas and to encourage intrinsic motivation.</li><li>• Observing students and building on an individual's innate motivation and interests.</li><li>• Ensuring Outdoor Learning and Forest School are run by qualified practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their practice.</li><li>• Allowing opportunity for reflection through story sharing so that learners and practitioners can understand their achievements, develop emotional intelligence and plan for the future.</li><li>• Allowing time for play and choice as vital parts to learning and development.</li></ul>	<p><b>The impact of the Inspire pathway provision is demonstrated through the development of students who are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central to the Forest School programme to guide its planning.</li><li>• Continue to demonstrate known behaviours in the forest</li><li>• Happy and interested by the outdoors.</li><li>• Feel comfortable and excited to go outside.</li></ul>