



KIDS GO **wild**

# HOME ED PROSPECTUS

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FOREST SCHOOL FOR 5+ YEAR OLDS

REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK

HOME EDUCATION & FLEXI SCHOOL



# WELCOME

**Welcome to Kids Go Wild Forest School**, a seasoned forest school company with a track record of excellence since 2019.

Our home education provision, which began in 2022, has flourished in popularity, offering a unique alternative to traditional indoor mainstream education.



At Kids Go Wild, we believe that the best classrooms are roofed only by the sky. Children are fully immersed in an outdoor, natural environment where learning and play go hand in hand.

Nestled in the heart of Reddish Vale Country Park, our main base resides within Sunnyside Woods, however the group will utilise the whole park including visits to multiple ponds, the community garden including the orchard and growing spaces. Bursting with nature, the woodland provides the perfect backdrop for our forest school activities, with water, wildlife, and diverse flora and fauna.

As you browse through these pages, envision the endless opportunities that await your child with us. From skills-based learning to imaginative play, Kids Go Wild Forest School is a place where every day is an adventure.





# PRINCIPLES



## THE LONG-TERM PRINCIPLE

Forest School is a long-term process of frequent and regular sessions in a woodland or natural environment, rather than a one-off visit. Planning, adaptation, observations and reviewing are integral elements of Forest School.



## THE NATURE PRINCIPLE

Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural wooded environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world.



## THE HOLISTIC PRINCIPLE

Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.



## THE LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE

Forest School is run by qualified Practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional Practice.



## THE RISK PRINCIPLE

Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves.



## THE COMMUNITY PRINCIPLE

Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for development and learning.





# CURRICULUM

We are the opposite of mainstream school, we do not follow a curriculum, we are mainly play-based learning, however we do lots of skilled based learning, bush-craft skills based on the 'Wild Passport' scheme.

## OFSTED RATING: GOOD

We are proud to have been rated "Good" in our recent OFSTED inspection. The full report is available online, reflecting our commitment to high standards and quality education.

## INTEGRATED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Forest School learning experiences are closely aligned with environmental science, and outdoor education principles. The holistic approach focuses on the whole child, emphasising their learning methods, self-esteem, and emotional literacy. The ethos of Forest School prioritises child-led learning, encouraging children to follow their interests and have autonomy over their experiences. We have a strong affiliation with Reddish Vale Farm, where we arrange multiple educational visits to explore and enjoy their facilities.

## FOCUS ON THE WHOLE CHILD

Inclusivity is a key component, welcoming children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Please contact us to discuss availability and the complexity of your child's needs.

## EDUCATOR'S ROLE

Our educators—leaders, teachers, and assistants—embrace the opportunity to "step back" and observe. This perspective allows

them to see the whole picture of each child's development without the constraints of an imposed curriculum or assessment targets. Educators support and guide rather than direct, creating a responsive and dynamic learning environment.

We believe that our forest school curriculum not only meets educational standards but also cultivates a lifelong love for learning, nature, and self-discovery.





# ENVIRONMENT



## LOCATION & SURROUNDINGS

Our forest school area is situated within a wild woodland in Sunnyside Woods in Reddish Vale Country Park, however the group utilise the full park including visits to the farm.

The surroundings feature tranquil ponds teeming with nature, including ducks, frogs, and newts. We frequently take the children for walks around these beautiful areas, providing them with opportunities to explore and connect with nature. There is a wonderful community garden ran by some very supportive volunteers.

## PROTECTION

We have a great natural canopy in the trees, however plan to erect tarpaulin shelters where necessary, our weather policy will come into effect where needed. There is potential for us to use the indoor space at the Visitor's Centre.

## NATURAL SPACES

Our set up area is inspired by natural and loose parts play and are integrated into the forest school landscape. These areas include:

- Natural den-building spaces
- Swings and hammocks
- Tree nets
- Tool space
- Camp fire circle

These features encourage physical activity and imaginative play. Additionally, we will have set up activities based on the children's current interests within the group, we plan to branch out to wider areas of the park for exploring, wild foraging, visiting wildlife, tree climbing, paddling in shallow waters etc.

In the event of site damage/flooding we may utilise our dane bank site as a back up site base.





# FACILITIES

## LUNCHES

For lunchtime we use a robust shelter above our basecamp area. In better weather, children enjoy eating supervised in our hammocks or community garden/picnic area.

## TOILETING & CHANGING

Toilets and changing facilities are always available at the visitors centre through our access key, we will also have a camping toilet in a toilet tent on site.





# CLOTHING & KIT



## LET US DO THE WORK FOR YOU!

Over the years in which we have gained experience of working with lots of wonderful and unique, individual children, we have tried and tested a few outdoor clothing kits. We realise as parents looking into clothing kit to supply your

child for all year round can be daunting. Which is why we have put together all your essentials which you can buy directly from us. We offer two main kit options which should cover your child's needs all year round:

### AUTUMN, SPRING, SUMMER

Yellow waterproof KGW branded jacket and blue salopettes.

We also provide a 30L wet bag to keep spare clothes in for your child when they are with us. Colours are subject to stock availability.

Additionally, you need to provide:  
Layers of clothing underneath depending on temperature, wellies  
(we recommend Crocs or Totes)

Cost: £135 for the full kit.

Unfortunately we don't sell items individually, unless you need a replacement.

### WINTER KIT

Snow-suit with logos and thermal base layer  
Snow-suits in a variety of sizes and colours.

Thermals black top & pants

Additionally, you need to provide:  
Winter hat and gloves  
A 3rd warm layer over your base thermal  
(normal thick clothing, jumper/joggers)  
Snow boots  
Thermal socks  
Lunch box and water bottle

Items can be sold individually, simply contact us for more information





# FOOD SAFETY

Your child's health and wellbeing are our top priority. We follow the EYFS 2025 framework to promote healthy eating, oral health and safe food practices.

## PACKED LUNCHES

Please pack a healthy lunch for your child:

- A main (sandwich, wrap, pasta etc.)
- Fruit/veg (one or more pieces)
- A healthy snack (nut-free bar, yoghurt, crackers)
- 1 treat (e.g. biscuit or small chocolate bar)
- No sweets
- No nuts (allergy risk)
- If a lunchbox only contains unhealthy foods (e.g. doughnuts, crisps, biscuits and no main), staff will speak to you.

## DRINKS

Children must bring a named water bottle every day. Water and milk are recommended to support good oral health.

- We provide water refills.
- Milk is sometimes offered.
- Hot chocolate may be given in winter (with parental consent).

## ALLERGIES & SPECIAL DIETS

Parents must record allergies/dietary needs on the Famly app. This enables staff to have a daily allergy checklist and keep every child safe.

- Children must not share food.

## FOOD SAFETY & HYGIENE

We follow strict hygiene rules:

- Only staff with Food Hygiene training prepare snacks.
- All food is stored safely (cool boxes, locked containers, or fridge/freezer).
- We never serve meat or fish (outdoor storage limits).

## CAMPFIRE SNACKS

Children may cook snacks over the fire.

- Treat foods (e.g. pancakes, brioche) are occasional and always supervised.
- All fire cooking follows our Fire Safety Policy.

## ILLNESS & FOOD SAFETY

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. Inform us immediately if your child has suspected food poisoning. We are legally required to inform Ofsted if a case is linked to the setting.



## OUR COMMITMENT

- Promote healthy eating every day.
- Support children's cultural, medical and ethical dietary needs.
- Keep all children safe with robust allergy and hygiene procedures.
- Teach children about healthy eating, sustainability, and oral health in fun, age-appropriate ways.
- Menus and snack updates are shared weekly on Famly.
- Please speak to us if you have questions about food, allergies, or dietary needs.





# RISK & SAFETY

## HOW WE KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

**Daily safety checks:** Staff sweep the site before every session to check ponds, fencing, trees, and hazards (e.g. litter, glass, or fallen branches).

**Ongoing supervision:** Children are always supervised, with regular headcounts and safety games.

**Risk assessments:** All activities, tools, and campfires are covered by written risk assessments that are reviewed regularly.

**Weather monitoring:** Sessions may be shortened or cancelled in extreme weather (see Weather Policy).

At Kids Go Wild, your child's safety is our priority. We follow the EYFS Statutory Framework (2025) and balance safety with the benefits of outdoor play and risk-taking. Children learn best when they can explore, climb, build, and take risks in a supported and safe way.

## RISKY PLAY – OUR APPROACH

We encourage children to manage risks with support. This builds confidence, resilience, and independence.

### **Climbing:**

Adult supervision nearby.

Children keep 3 points of contact.

No higher than 2 metres.

### **Tools:**

Used only with permission and close supervision.

Safety gloves and PPE used where needed.

Tools are locked away when not in use.

**Campfires:** A favourite activity! Run by trained leaders under strict safety rules. Children learn fire safety skills step by step.

### **Supporting Individual Needs:**

We work with families to support children with SEND or additional needs.

Individual risk assessments may be made where needed.

If behaviour places a child or others at risk, we'll review support strategies with parents.

## OUR COMMITMENT

Children are taught how to risk assess for themselves – an important life skill.

Parents are kept informed and involved in safety planning.

We balance safety with adventure, giving children the freedom to explore and grow in confidence.

*Any questions about risk and safety?*

*Please speak to our staff team – we're always happy to explain how we keep your children safe.*





# PRICES

## SEPTEMBER 2025

Our pricing is reviewed twice a year in December and July.

Non-refundable deposit - £200  
(£65 admin fee - £135 towards our clothing kit, or deducted from your first invoice)

### **Full Day Paid Rate**

9am - 4pm - £53.50

### **Low Income Family**

Pricing £43.50

**Sibling** 10% discount available  
(on fully paid places)

Monthly invoices are calculated on an annualised basis, 38 weeks of the year split over 11 months.

Working parent families can pay us through tax free childcare for 20% off fees families on universal credit can claim back 85% of their childcare costs with our invoices.

### **Additional Information**

Parents are required to send a full packed lunch, (we are nut free) water bottle and spare clothes each day. Snacks and drinks are provided by ourselves.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - we are very inclusive, the level of your child's needs may determine if they were best suited to this group. Please contact SENDCO for discussions.





# INFORMATION

## HOW TO APPLY:

1

Parents are to submit an application form, which is available with our prospectus.

2

Prospective families are invited for a centre tour to get acquainted with the forest school environment and educational approach.

3

Parents pay a deposit and complete admissions forms and parent contract to secure a place.

4

A start date is to be agreed, settle sessions can be arranged if needed.

Email us for our admissions forms:  
**[kidsgowildrv@gmail.com](mailto:kidsgowildrv@gmail.com)**

## HOME-ED DAYS:

### **Monday & Tuesday 9am - 4pm**

Reduced hours over December & January due to reduced daylight hours: 10am-3pm  
Early drop off at 9am may be available excluding Dec/Jan.

Our opening hours are based on Stockport Council term dates - to be shared on an annual basis. We are closed for Bank Holidays, and INSET days.

## HOLIDAY CLUB:

Book holiday club sessions online:  
**[www.bookwhen.com/kidsgowild](http://www.bookwhen.com/kidsgowild)**

If you have any further questions or require any further information please contact us:

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