



Rossmere Forest School

Rossmere Forest School is part of Rossmere Primary School in Hartlepool.

Forest School is a unique approach to learning which offers participants the opportunity to learn through experience in a woodland setting. Our site is a hybrid of forest school and can be used for purely forest school activities or outdoor learning activities, which can be based around the school curriculum and extend learning from the classroom to experiential learning outdoors.

Research has shown that outdoor learning supports and extends young people's problem solving abilities; their ideas in response to new challenges and their resilience to persevere and persist at new tasks. It can develop a love of nature and in turn promote healthier lifestyles through fresh air and physical activity. Much of the process is child initiated, which ensures that children are engaged and motivated to learn, particularly those who find conventional classroom education challenging and this in turn can have a positive impact upon behaviour and attitudes to learning back in the classroom. Children and young people develop holistically through provision of achievable tasks and support to take managed risks in an outdoor setting, which builds upon confidence and self-esteem.

We offer sessions that can be booked by other schools, Treetots Toddler Group, HEDOUT group for children who are electively home educated, school holiday sessions for families and unaccompanied children and seasonal events for families (Christmas, Halloween, Easter).

As Forest School Assistant you may be asked to support at one of our larger events, where you will be responsible for setting up and running an activity while the Forest School Manager oversees the event. You may also be asked to cover for the Forest School Manager at a smaller event where you will be expected to open up and set up a full session (following a plan you will be given).

We cannot promise a set number of hours as larger events tend to be seasonal and only once a week. This work will be only occasional and you may be asked if you are available at short notice.