

Forest Schools and Outdoor Education at OJS

During this time, to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff we have adapted this subject by taking physical distancing and sharing of resources into account.

The government continue to update and issue guidelines in response to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's scientific experiments around possible risks in an environment where outdoor learning takes place.

In light of these guidelines, at Overdale we continue to monitor and update our restrictions in line with the UK government's most up to date recommendations around the teaching of music. We:

- Ensure we spend as much time as possible outside.
- Move around the school using the one-way system – teachers and TAs wearing face masks when needed.
- Work with small groups – half classes split into Forest School and Outdoor Education.
- Clean hands after lessons.
- Encourage children to bring in their own wellies and clothing.
- Have wellies available to use in the outdoor classroom – but isolate them for the rest of the week once they have been worn.
- When tools are used, sanitise them before using them with another group.
- Keep adults, including helpers and teachers, socially distanced whenever possible.
- Wear appropriate PPE when performing first aid.
- Do not share resources for eating or drinking – hand out cups for hot chocolate and sticks for marshmallows with gloves on.
- Do not play contact games.

Requirements for students coming from De Montfort University:

- Do not come to the session if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 or you have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms.
- Bring your DBS certificate with you when you come and complete the safeguarding training before you come. Kate West will send you a link if you have not already completed this.
- Please be COVID aware at all times:
- Wear your mask at all times.
- Keep a 2 metre distance from the kids.
- Meet us outside of reception.
- Please could you aim to be at the school for 1pm.

Mrs A Scott – Forest School Lead

Mr S Massey – Outdoor Education Lead