



## **Kingfishers' Forest School** **Party Information and FAQ's**



### **Where is the party located?**

Our Forest School Site is at Willsbridge Mill. Willsbridge Hill, Willsbridge, Bristol BS30 6EU.

If you walk down towards the mill, then up the path behind the café, and past the white house you will come to two gates. The left gate takes you to our new pond area where your guests are welcome to explore whilst they wait for everyone to arrive. The gate on the right is the gate to our forest school site.

Parking is located on Long Beach Road, see below for more parking details.

### **What is included in a typical party?**

Party slots are typically 10am-12midday, though afternoon parties are also possible upon request. Here is a usual order of events with some timings, which are just as a guide for our Leaders and flexible on the day:

10am arrival and welcome of guests in the Giant's tent area. We will be double checking any dietary, allergy or medical information.

10.10am Treasure hunt for silver treasure along the Woodland Walkway.

10.20am Children whittling sticks with peelers, toasting marshmallow treasure to make s'mores in the Story Coombe Parachute area.

10.45 Forest School Leader supported activity. For Children up to age 5 we usually suggest 'Hapa Zome' activity which is leaf bashing onto cotton fabric using hammers. For ages 5+ we then get the children to turn this into a wall hanging using sticks and knotting skills. Everyone gets a lovely artwork to take home.

11.20 Free Play whilst Forest School Leader cooks your party food eg sausages (see below for more options). For ages 5+ our Forest School Leader would set the children up with resources for den making and get them started, before then going to cook your party food.

Children will have mud kitchen, mud digging area, seesaws, climbing frame, wheelbarrows and a play tray to explore. The play tray can be personalised to your child's interests. See below for more info.

11.40 Children come together to enjoy their food. This can be in the Story Coombe Parachute area or in the wooden Outdoor Classroom structure depending on your preference. You can decide on the day if you like!

Singing Happy Birthday and your preferences for cake etc.

12 Midday Goodbye and end.

### **What ages do you cater for? What activities do you do?**

All parties include a treasure hunt, whittling sticks to toast marshmallows to make s'mores!  
The ultimate party treat!

For children 1-5 we do Hapa Zome leaf bashing onto cotton using hammers.

For children 5+ we make our Hapa Zome artwork into an amazing wall hanging using sticks and knotting skills. We also offer den building as an additional activity for this age group.

For all parties we offer a choice of play tray eg vehicles, diggers, Bluey, woodland animals, Gruffalo/ Julia Donaldson characters, fairies. So just let us know what your child's interests are and we can personalise that for you.

During the party, there will be time to free play where children can enjoy the mud kitchen, mud pit, wheelbarrows, swing, seesaw and bug hunting.

### **Where can I park?**

Party guests can park in our main car park on Long Beach Road. Please remind your guests to allow up to 10/15 minutes to walk from the car park down to our Forest School site with their little ones if they are walking through the lovely forest. Pushchairs and slings can make this quicker.

Parents who are booking the party are welcome to park by the wall of the Fairy Garden on site so you are closer to the forest school, as you may be carrying food etc up to the site.

### **Do you have pushchair parking at the Forest School Site?**

Yes we do have space for buggies and prams. Please bring your rain cover with you as the pram parking area is not sheltered.

### **Can I bring my own decorations?**

Yes absolutely. If you arrive 15minutes before your party start time, you are more than welcome to put up any bunting etc and this can be removed on your way out. We already have some nice bright colourful bunting under our Giant's tent but you are absolutely welcome to bring more/any decorations. We have also previously had a family bring a piñata which they had in the Outdoor Classroom, and chose to have sandwich box lunch in there.

### **What food will be there?**

We will provide the food for making s'mores, we can ensure we have GF and Vegan ingredients when you confirm your guests and let us know of any dietary requirements. We will also provide squash, water and cups.

Lunch will be provided by the adult/parent booking. This could be Veggie sausages that we can cook on the fire for you. Here you could provide finger rolls and sauce. That has been a really good party food option, enjoyed by the children!

Alternatively, some adults like to prepare cardboard lunch boxes / snack boxes and bring these. We are happy to discuss any of your ideas and preferences to personalise your party

to your own ideas and dietary requirements.

### **How much does it cost?**

The cost for party bookings is £135 for the first 10 children and then additional children will be £10 per child.

To secure your booking, a deposit of £50.00 can be made to secure your slot, with the remaining balance due a week before your party, and any surprise extra guests sorted on the day if needed. Please email us for payment details when making your transfer.

### **Do you run all year round, in all weathers?**

We run forest school and forest school parties all year round. We will only ever cancel if weather is dangerously high winds or lightening, as per our site risk assessment.

### **What to wear?**

Please dress appropriately for the weather. Waterproofs and many layers are great. For cold days, gloves, hats, many layers, double socks, lined waterproof/warm coat and wellies/snow shoes will keep your little ones warm. On sunny days please wear sunscreen and sunhats. We have shelter for giving shade on sunny days, and shelter for when it is raining. Your little ones will want to get stuck in with the mud kitchen, mud digging area and water play, no matter the weather, so please dress appropriately for that.

### **What to bring?**

You are welcome to bring: food for lunch and binbag/foodwaste bag for rubbish. Please take any rubbish with you.

Optional things: cake/cupcakes/party bags, decorations if you so wish.

If you are providing a cake, don't forget candle, lighter/matches, knife for cake cutting.

### **Guests:**

Please keep us up to date with your guest's/guest's parents dietary, allergy or medical needs that we need to be aware of.

### **Do other parents need to stay?**

For parties of children aged 5 and below we do recommend that children's grown up/parent stay. They are more than welcome to grab a treat from the café and then enjoy chatting with the other parents/playing with their little ones in our beautiful forest setting.

For children aged 6+ we recommend a certain amount of adults stay, which we will discuss with you on a case by case basis depending on your number of guests. This is due to the size, shape and layout of our forest area, to ensure children are supervised across the site.