

What should my child wear?

It is very important that your child is dressed appropriately for Forest School camp, in order for them to enjoy the experience and opportunities we provide. Your child should arrive wearing old clothes, with their waterproofs and additional clothes packed in a bag. The kit identified below, will help protect your child from the elements:

- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (optional)
- Wellington boots or old trainers
- Warm hat, scarf and gloves or a sun hat
- Trousers or lightweight long trousers
- Long-sleeved jumper/fleece
- Long-sleeved top
- Thick socks (for winter) thermal or two pairs of cotton socks

What if it's raining?

There is no poor weather, only poor clothing! Wild Willow Holiday camp will run in all elements, rain, snow, sun... Unless the weather conditions deteriorate and become hazardous; such as thunderstorms or very high winds, we will be outside. Therefore, it is very important your child is dressed appropriately and has spare kit with them on site. We will contact you if we have to cancel the session. Please see our cancellation policy.

What do I do next if we are interested?

If you would like your child to attend Wild Willow Holiday Camp, please visit our website thewillowshorringer.com for further details and booking information. Please note the session is limited to 12 children per session and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions please contact our Forest School Leader; rebecca@thewillowshorringer.com



Wild Willow Holiday Camp

Enriching outdoor activities for 5-10 year olds
during the school holidays

Information for Parents/Carers



What is Wild Willow Holiday Camp?

At The Willows we provide enriching activities that give children aged 5-10 the opportunity to immerse themselves in our safe Forest School setting; to develop their wellbeing and social skills with others outdoors. During camp they will be encouraged to take managed risks and make positive choices; whilst having fun and enjoying the great outdoors.

Where is Wild Willow Holiday Camp and who runs it?

Our Forest School camp will be held at The Willows, a tranquil Willow Woodland setting, Farm Cottage, Chevington Road, Horringer, IP29 5SW. It is run by Rebecca Dodman, a Level 3 trained Forest School Leader, qualified Primary School Teacher and Paediatric Outdoor First Aider. She will be supported by an assistant. Our camps run throughout the year, please see our website for future dates. Camps begin at 10.00am and finish at 3.00pm. The cost of camp is £30.00 per day, per child and includes drinks, brunch, lunch, and afternoon snack. The children may prefer to bring their own packed lunch and drink/water bottle.

What is a Wild Willow session like?

The day begins at 10.00am. We welcome the children to the fire circle to play games; to introduce our rules and establish our boundaries (look after yourself, look after each other and look after the woodland). Planned activities, exploration areas, tools and tool procedures will be introduced, to ensure all children understand how to use the resources safely. The children have the opportunity to participate in the planned tasks, as well as initiating their own activities. Activities often include: campfire cooking, den building, wild art and crafts, low ropes and balancing bridges, raft riding and pond dipping (seasonal). The children will also play games and be offered drinks and refreshments in camp.

How do we keep the children safe?

At Wild Willow Holiday camp we will use tools (for example; vegetable peelers and saws) to develop the children's skills and to enhance their outdoor experience. Each tool is introduced with a tool safety procedure; to ensure all children remain safe. Tools will be used within the designated safe area under adult supervision. The Willows Forest School site has been carefully assessed and the children will be given clear boundaries and instructions, to ensure they can take and manage risks within the safe outdoor environment. The children will be supervised throughout the session by two adults. Rebecca Dodman holds appropriate Public Liability Insurance for Forest School activities and Property Owners Liability Insurance for the site.

What if I have to cancel my child's place?

Please contact us as soon as possible if you need to cancel your child's place and refer to the cancellation guidance on our website.

What if the Forest School Camp gets cancelled?

The camp may be cancelled in the event of; staff illness, the weather conditions being extremely windy or low numbers of children booking onto the club (so that the club is not viable). In the first two instances we will contact you on the day of the club by 9am to inform you of the situation. If the club is not viable, we will contact you the day before, to inform you that the club will not be running. In all three cases we will offer you an alternative date(s) or a refund of 75%.

