



## Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow CIO – Wildspace Fire Policy

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### Statement of Intent

This Policy will be reviewed when we have a qualified person on site to undertake campfires. At present no campfires will be lit during wildspace activities.

### Aims

Campfires are a highlight of Forest School and will only be used once the children have been introduced to the safety procedures, and the Forest School Leader is confident they can participate with as little risk as possible to their health.

### Procedures

#### Location

Wildspace area, Thriplow School

#### Fire Safety Rules

1. Ratio of 1 adult:1 fire
2. Fire area is surrounded by a boundary of at least 1.5m from the fire pit.
3. Children will sit on logs outside this boundary.
4. When the fire is in use, children are not permitted within the fire circle unless they are invited by an adult.
5. Children are not permitted to throw anything onto the fire.
6. Advice on the appropriate way for dealing with smoke will be given to the children: they are advised to turn their head to one side, placing their hand across their face, to close their eyes and count to 30 (or ask an adult to count with them).
7. If there is a clear wind direction, seating in the line of smoke is to be avoided.
8. Ensure water is available for extinguishing.

#### Safety and Responsibility

1. Only adults are permitted to light fires, unless children are under the direct supervision of the Forest School Leader.
2. Fires are lit using cotton wool and a strike stick (flint or matches).
3. No flammable liquids are to be used to light or accelerate fires.
4. No plastics are to be burnt.
5. If sessions involve children adding fuel to the fire, this must be done with one to one adult supervision.



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6. Sticks/wood must be placed, not thrown, from the side of the fire. The hand should never go over the fire.

### Extinguishing

1. All fires must be extinguished at the end of a session.
2. Water should always be to hand during campfire sessions.
3. Whenever possible, all fuels should be burnt off to ash.
4. At the end of the session, the fire must be doused down with water and stirred until all smoke and steam has ceased.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow CIO	
Held on (date)	
Signed on behalf of the Ladybird Playgroup Committee	
Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)	
Signed by Playgroup Leader/Deputy	
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