

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a unique way of building independence and self-esteem in children, exposing them to the natural world at a time where it is vital for children to understand their impact on the environment. It is a child-centred and child-led opportunity for pupils at Lickey Hills to have new, creative experiences in the outdoor environment in a safe way. Children will have opportunities to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others.

Through purposeful and careful planning of Forest School experiences, we strive to increase self-esteem, improve children's concentration, attendance, behaviour and academic achievement.

We also aim to foster a love and respect for the natural world through stimulating natural learning experiences, inspiring children to value biodiversity and develop a strong understanding of how to promote environmental sustainability. Our Forest School area allows pupils to immerse themselves in nature and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the flora and fauna that surrounds them in their local environment. The Forest School space will be utilised all year round, with sessions adapted to compliment the ever-changing conditions and resources through the seasons.



Independent problem solving and team work is encouraged throughout our Forest School sessions.

Forest School at Lickey Hills encourages children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence through respectful interactions with others and the natural environment. Working as a team to solve problems, children will develop and foster communication and negotiation skills. These skills prepare the children for the world both inside and outside of school.