



“Springfield is a caring, supportive and innovative school where everyone is recognised and appreciated as an individual. The golden thread running through our vision is the mental health and wellbeing of our school community. By creating a safe, supportive and relational environment for all, we enable our children to be ambitious and to reach their full potential, so that they can take their place in their community and in the wider world.”

## Entering Spring Forest Procedure



There are a few ways of accessing Spring Forest. Entering the area requires careful preparation and respect for nature. Always follow Leave No Trace principles, ensuring you leave the area as you found it.

### Entering Spring Forest - Our Expectations

We will enter Spring Forest respectfully and know that when we are at forest school specific expectations are in place. We will explore, investigate, learn and play in a manner that will not damage our forest environment within set boundaries. We understand that we share our forest school with plants and animals and that when we are in Spring Forest, we are sharing the environment with them.

There are two gates in which Key Stage 1 and 2 can enter Spring Forest. One gate is adjacent to EYFS and another by Spring Forest Fire Circle.

Access to the playing field is through the gate near to EYFS as the children can walk across the paved area causing less damage to the forest environment. A natural wall is growing to set boundaries for the forest area.

EYFS has two entrances to their Forest School area. One by the Spring Forest sign, next to the outdoor provision, the second by the EYFS shed.

## Leaving Spring Forest - Our Expectations

At the end of our Forest School session, we aim to 'leave no trace' that we were in Spring Forest. Adults take down shelters and remove materials they have brought in. We help by gathering rubbish and litter to be removed. We also make sure that resources (sticks, stones) are put back carefully where we found them to minimise disturbance to the habitat. We will not take artefacts that we have found or made without permission from an adult.