

## **Aldersbrook Primary School – Road Safety Policy**

Aldersbrook Primary School aims to keep all children and adult's safe at all times. It is necessary to take the children off site for most of the forest schools sessions and the following procedures will be followed by the school staff:

- The forest school practitioner will give a safety reminder to everyone leaving the school site before leaving the school grounds (outward bound). A second reminder will be given before leaving the designated forest schools site for the return to school (homeward bound).
- In all forest school sessions a ratio of 1:8 adult to child ratio will apply.
- A forest schools practitioner will assume a position at the front and back of the line when off site.
- The leading forest schools practitioner will be confident and can apply all safety procedures, and know the agreed route.

### **Walking on the pavement**

- The group will walk in single file on the inner side of the pavement
- The adult at the front of the line will make sure that all children and adults are kept safe, stopping the line if required to allow other people to pass by safely.
- The group will stay together so that the forest school leaders at the rear of the line can see every child and adult in front of them. If any adult feels that the group is becoming too spread out, they will stop the group and give instructions on how the line should close up, making sure that there are no gaps in the line.  
Once the leaders are satisfied that the group is together again, they will instruct the group to move on.

### **Crossing the road from pavement to pavement or pavement to forest.**

- When approaching the road, the adult at the front of the group will stop the children, make sure that they are all paying attention and are ready to cross the road.
- Only when it is safe to cross, the adult at the front of the line will cross the road and wait for the children, a second adult will move to the middle of the road and when the road is clear, direct the children to join the first adult on the other side.
- The adult at the back of the line will ensure that the children cross the road quickly and without running.

### **Designated route to the forest**

- Crossing Ingatestone Road leading into the forest
- Or crossing Ingatestone Road into Northumberland Avenue. At the end of the road cross over and head into the forest.
- Follow the natural path, either left or right, depending on which forest schools setting is going to be used for the session.

If the route to the forest needs to be changed, the forest schools leader will inform all adults prior to the session.

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