



Frequently Asked Questions about Wild Wood Holiday Club

Wild Wood Holiday Club is an innovative way of allowing children to grow and develop by spending time outside in a safe and supportive environment. The club is based on Forest School teaching techniques, which are proven to increase children's motivation, confidence and communication skills. Your child will take part in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks in a safe woodland environment. Accompanied by trained instructors and volunteers, they will make new friends and learn new skills.

Who will be running the sessions?

The sessions will be led by Charlotte Atkinson who is:

- An experienced primary teacher and former headteacher
- A qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader and trainer
- Qualified outdoor first aider.
- DBS checked

Charlotte will be assisted by at least one other member of staff. There may also be one or more volunteers supporting the sessions to ensure that the adult: child ratios are not more than 1:8. All staff are CRB/DBS checked.

What should my child wear?

Being properly dressed is important if you are outside. We don't know what the weather will be like day-to-day, so we ask that you make sure your child comes with the following:

- Long sleeved clothing top and bottom (even on sunny days to provide protection from scratches and stings), in layers so that they can either shed or put on a layer and still be comfortable. A sunhat and sunscreen may be useful if it is hot and a hat, gloves and scarf if it is cold;
- a waterproof outer layer, top and bottom – so waterproof coat (AND trousers if you have them);
- waterproof shoes or boots in case it is muddy. We recommend walking boots or shoes, but you can send them in trainers as long as they are sturdy. No sandals or open toed shoes please! 2 pairs of socks are recommended for cold weather. Please make sure that waterproofs are marked with your child's name as they all look alike and have a tendency to get thrown on and off.

What food and drinks will my child need?

Your child will need sufficient food last through the day, bearing in mind that they will be outside and active all day. We don't provide food, and you can't buy lunch or snacks at our camp, so please make sure they come with enough food. This is what we'd consider enough:

1. drink for the day
2. a mid-morning snack (just to keep them going)
3. lunch

We will provide a drink during the afternoon – either hot chocolate or cordial - and we usually cook something to eat on the fire. Please let us know if you do not wish your child to be offered a drink or snack.

Where and when should we drop off and pick up?

Wild Wood Holiday Club takes place at Charlotte's Wood in Wilby. The address is Sundial Cottage, London City Road, Wilby, IP21 5LT. There is limited parking at the venue so if possible, please park at Wilby Coronation Hall, on London City Road (IP21 5LE) and then walk 400m up London City Road (away from the village). We are on the left, just past 'The Shingles'. There is a pair of mirrors opposite the entrance.

The club starts at 10am each day and finishes at 4pm. There may be a staggered start and finish (over a 15-minute period). I will message parents/carers individually if this is the case. Please come to the entrance to the woods with your child for registration and drop off/pick up. There may be an early drop-off option from 9am (for an additional £5 per child).

How do I book and pay?

Please use the Eequ website (www.eequ.org) to find session dates and book. Search for 'Wild Wood Holiday Club'.

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

Please cancel through the Eequ website. Refunds are only provided if we are able to re-allocate your child's place.

What if the club gets cancelled?

The club may be in the event of:

1. staff illness (where no replacement can be found).
2. the weather conditions being extremely windy (due to the danger of falling branches)
3. low numbers of children booking onto the club (so that the club is not viable)

In the first two instances we would contact you on the day of the club by 9am to inform you of this situation. If the club is not viable, we will contact you the day before to inform you that the club will not be running.

If you have any other questions about Wild Wood Holiday Club, please don't hesitate to ask. Please make contact with Charlotte through the contact form on the website (<https://www.charlotteswood.co.uk/wild-wood-holiday-club/>)