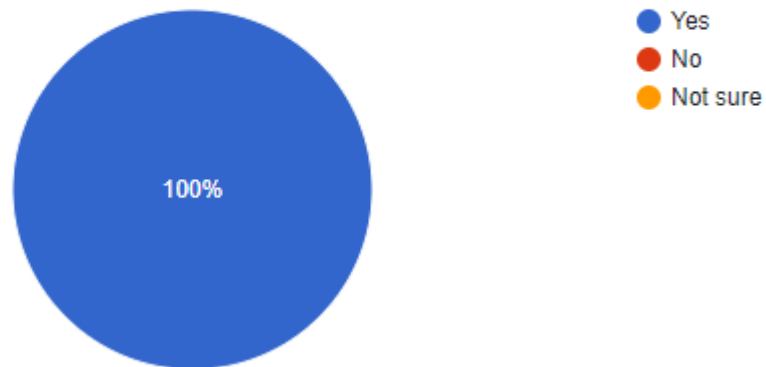


## Forest School Parent Questionnaire (Dec 2020): Impact evaluation

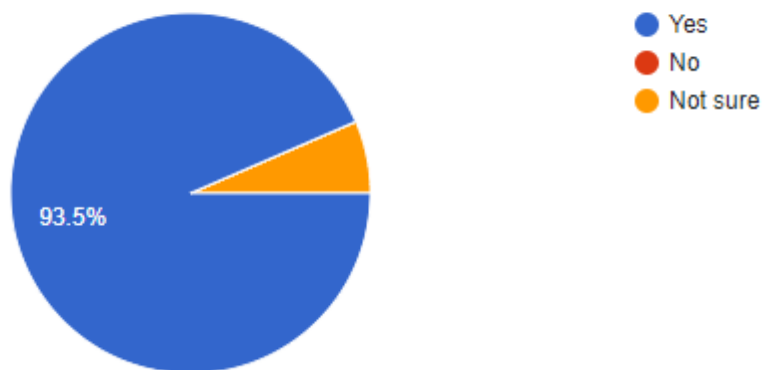
Does your child enjoy Forest School?

77 responses



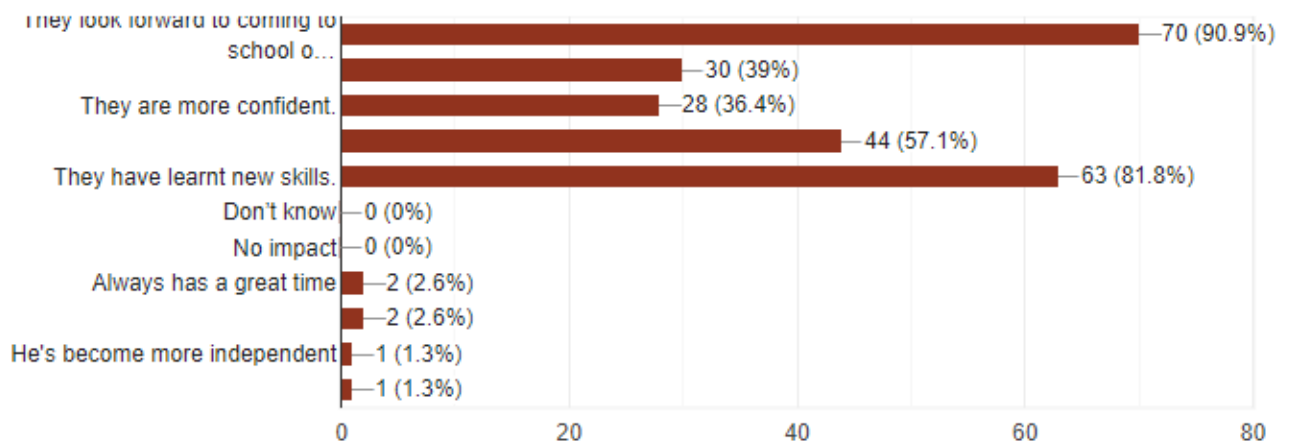
Do you feel that Forest School sessions have benefited your child?

77 responses



What impact have Forest School sessions had on your child? (Tick those that apply.)

77 responses



What has your child said about Forest School, if anything (e.g. have they mentioned a particular activity or something they enjoyed/didn't enjoy)?

66 responses

- Likes doing different things and being more construction based.
- \* said she absolutely loves everything about forest school, she loves being out and in nature so this suits her well.
- Enjoyed trying to start a fire
- Both my children have enjoyed learning new and practical skills, the physical challenges and outlet. Also the team building skills developed have been particularly rewarding for them.
- Looking at leaves in autumn
- Enjoys being outside
- \* really enjoyed learning about the camp fire and he loves the climbing 😊
- She always comes home chatting about the exciting activities
- They enjoy the swings and nets and especially enjoyed learning about how to do a fire and were over the moon when they won a chocolate
- He loves finding sticks and getting his wellies on and being outside no matter the weather!
- Enjoys making things.
- Outside learning is great. Want to do more hands on things, den building, fire building.
- Loves forest school
- He comes back home happier when he's had forest school, and he tells us what he has been up to, not like normally it's like getting blood out of a stone.
- Making a fire and building dens
- He said that he really enjoys it and have lots of fun
- They both always come home and tell me about what they have done! Excited about what they did, this does not happen generally any other day! it's normally 'can't remember', 'nothing exciting' response. They told me about, fire making, archery, den building.
- An assault course, lightning making a fire and swings.
- Lived the fire making, playing outdoors, being in the forest, being with nature
- \* loves forest school. She said she likes it because we have fun!
- \* tells us every last detail about forest school as soon as she comes out the school gate and will tell us what they are doing in the following session.
- They love getting messy and being outdoors. Especially learning to safely start a fire.
- He loves it really enjoyed the obstacle course they made and dens
- My child felt good about mastering the skill of lighting a fire, but mostly enjoyed the freedom of being outdoors.
- They enjoy making forts with their friends.
- Enjoyed making fires
- Really enjoyed being outside and playing, he looked forward to it every other week :)
- Both talk enthusiastically about what they have done in forest school. They liked learning more about the forest and starting fires. They also liked playing in the mud.
- "We make fires and climb" "I'm allowed to get muddy and run"
- Fire safety
- Enjoyed all the activities and being outside
- Making fire
- They always get excited when it's forest school day, don't get much out of them on what they do at school, but love seeing the photos and finding out what they have

been up to, I'm then able to ask them which then starts the conversation then they talk all about what they've been up to.

- Lots of fun!!
- Fire lighting!!... naturally, making things!
- She really enjoyed learning how to make fire. Also being creative with nature, making and building things.
- The teachers join in. They made an assault course. Get muddy!
- Cooking over fire and using tools to create things.
- Enjoyed building fires
- \* likes learning to light fires
- Just that she really enjoys it
- Fort building and learning about fire.
- Den building
- He loves it. Tells me everything they learn! Such as; safety of fires, making swings the list goes on! Thanks for giving my little boy so much fun at forest school
- Loved making fire. Just generally being outside
- My daughter enjoyed making fires
- They love being outside and getting muddy
- Loves every aspect of the classes
- They really enjoyed archery and learning about fire
- Any building activities (dens, fires) my kids have enjoyed the most
- \* enjoyed building a den. And getting muddy!
- They loved the muddy fun.
- Both have come home after every session and told us about what they did in that session, in more detail than they would normally tell us about any other lessons.
- Learning new skills

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your child's Forest School sessions or Forest School in general?

45 responses

- More the merrier.
- Keep it going, it's great.
- He really enjoys the sessions.
- Thank you to the staff conducting the sessions
- Thoroughly enjoys going
- I feel it's good for the children to get fresh air and fun outside
- It's fun and lets them be children
- They seem to have such a positive impact on my child, I really hope they continue
- Fantastic idea and would hope it will be able to continue next year!
- Thank you for providing this
- Just that he really enjoyed it and I hope the sessions continue for all the children.
- No
- I think yes they enjoy it and have a good time but maybe getting covered head to toe in mud is a little bit too much. I definitely think they should be some rules in forest school not rolling around in mud.
- I think forest schools are a great idea, helping the children connect with nature and the world around them. Learning new and different skills. Being outside and enjoying the outside. Not being worried if they get messy, wet and muddy. It's also good for the

children who are not as academically minded but more practical, they get to feel they are good at things and achieve.

- It's a brilliant session for my little girl
- I love that forest school is held 'whatever the weather' Good days are not just about when the sun shines.
- \* really enjoys these sessions and working outside, she's super excited for them to continue.
- I believe this has helped my son so much in building his confidence and independence and developing his skills he really looks forward to it
- I hope this will continue as I believe all children gain something valuable from the experience, especially in the current climate.
- They learnt don't touch fire or climb trees.
- Really enjoyed it
- I think it's a brilliant idea for the kids being outside and enjoying getting involved, my son has loved everything about it, and can't wait to tell me what he has been doing,
- I think it is brilliant that they have had this opportunity, things like this are so important to a balanced, rounded education to aid social, emotional and educational development.
- Really thrilled that both my children have both been able to experience forest school. Thank you.
- Positive impact physically and mentally
- No
- Very beneficial for mental health
- Keep it up, the skill learning outside the classroom is really beneficial
- I think the sessions have been great for building confidence and encouraging my child's curiosity for the outdoors. Overall she has loved the sessions. Thank you.
- My son has waited a long time to take part in forest school and he has thoroughly enjoyed it. It has been lovely to see the pictures of them having fun with their friends and teachers
- \* loves being outdoors & after this year I think it really helps their mental health. Thank you
- She says it was really fun and she enjoyed it a lot
- I think it's a great activity for them, they look forward to Forest school days
- Really positive, she looks forward to every session
- Absolutely positive impact on both kids. I'm happy for them to get cold, wet and muddy, but I do think they should be given time to change back into dry uniform before pick up.
- My daughter seems more upbeat and confident after her Forest School sessions. The experience seems to have built new bonds between the class. Forest School has improved her mental well-being and overall she seems happier to go to school.