Key Features of Forest Schools

- The use of a natural outdoor environment.
- Child-led approach to children’s learning which is fun and unhurried.
- Long term programme that allows repetition where children come into contact with nature using all their senses.
- Builds children’s confidence and self esteem as they are responsible for making their own decisions and are carefully supported to achieve.
- Allows every child to have a voice, especially those who find it difficult to communicate in a more conventional learning environment.
- A high adult to child ratio allows children to undertake new experiences and challenges whilst taking appropriate risks.
- Supports personalised learning.
- Trained adults and facilitators and observers rather than leaders and directors.