

Conservation Policy

At Wild Explorers we are dedicated to conservation and making our settings as environmentally sustainable as possible.

As we are an outdoor setting we have no access to electricity, gas or running water. Where possible we run as much of our power from solar panels positioned around the site to charge power banks, Ipads, phones and lighting.

We use compost toilets which is recycled back into the setting. Where possible we use biodegradable materials such as blue roll which can be disposed of in the compost. We will keep any chemicals on site to a minimum and store them in a safe secure place. Waste from the setting will be recycled where possible using the private recycling facilities.

Fresh water and hot water is brought in daily and we use spray bottles to wash hands as this uses the least amount of water (as compared to a foot pump) whilst still adhering to hygiene regulations. We promote independence as much as possible within the setting however, hygiene and water activities are facilitated by adults to monitor water consumption and reduce waste.

Areas of the land are left to grow wild and children are kept to the cleared and cut areas to encourage wildlife. We try to plant a variety of trees and plants to encourage biodiversity and we have built raised wooden walkways to protect the ground from footfall. We have installed drainage in some areas to prevent it becoming waterlogged and flooded and if areas in nursery become too muddy we rope them off to allow the ground and the grass to recover.

We have a small risk assessed pond on site to encourage wildlife and further the children's learning. We have a small fenced off garden where children can grow herbs and fruits and learn about where food comes from. Sensory plants are also in these areas to support children with sensory needs.

Any areas which contain bees, wildlife or nesting birds are roped off to reduce interference or wildlife being disturbed.

All children are encouraged to protect and nurture all wildlife and this is reinforced through all activities. Activities such as life cycles and bug hunting are used to support this. Nursery has a strict "no picky, no licky" rule. This rule is regularly reinforced to the children to dissuade the children from picking plants or picking up insects and wildlife and putting things in their mouths.

We have a designated conservation lead in our setting/settings who will oversee all practices put in place to support conservation and sustainability. The conservation lead will also provide parents with information via Ovivio and the notice boards of any local family friendly conservation organisations or activities they can join in with. As a setting we will also strive to join in with any conservation projects in the local area and ensure this is accessible to all children across our settings.