

CONSTITUTION FSA SUFFOLK – UPDATED FEBUARY 2026

- 1) The Group shall be called “FSA (Forest School Association) Suffolk (“the group”).
- 2) The key aim of the group is to provide support, friendship and inspiration for all Forest School practitioners in Suffolk.
- 3) The objectives of the group will be to:
 - ***Promote and support quality Forest School in Suffolk to enable children, young people and adults to benefit from increased opportunities for high quality and varied educational experiences in the natural world.***
 - ***Support the aims and objects of the Forest School Association at a local level and represent member’s relevant issues at a national level by working with the FSA and with other FSA local groups.***
 - ***Celebrate and promote local good practice, raise awareness of the FSA Forest School principles and encourage sharing of practice and co-operation between FS practitioners.***
 - ***Support all practitioners with an interest in Forest School in Suffolk through communication, networking opportunities, and events.***
- 4) Membership will be open to **anyone with an interest in Forest School including** members of the Forest School Association. However, the group’s activities, funds, meetings and events will solely take place in and be for the benefit of the Suffolk Forest School community. ~~The group reserves the right to waiver this article in the case of members on the borders of the county.~~
- 5) Members of the FSA can apply to join FSA Suffolk ~~or be invited~~ via the FSA national website. Members of the FSA Suffolk committee will administer this system on line.
- 6) FSA Suffolk and all its members shall be bound by the FSA Code of Practice (reproduced below)
- 7) The group shall raise money when necessary for carrying on the objectives of the group; funds raised shall be applied for those objectives as the members see fit.
- 8) The members will appoint officers to form a committee as are required to discuss the policy and administration of the group and to plan activity. These include an executive of chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer and secretary, along with up to five other officers (a maximum of 9 committee members). Appointments will be made at the annual general meeting of the group. These members shall lead the day-to-day running of the group, and will be answerable to members during meetings. The **committee** may co-opt additional members to join during the year to help fulfil the objectives of the group. Committee members will be required to attend a minimum of 2 out of 3 **committee** meetings per year **and need to be members of the National FSA.**

- 9) The group shall hold **committee** meetings open to all **Suffolk FSA** members. A quorum for **committee** meetings will be 3 members. All **committee** members are entitled to vote and decisions will be made democratically by simple majority voting.
- 10) The group shall arrange events specifically aimed to further the group's aim of developing Forest School throughout Suffolk. Events will be publicised in advance. Members will be invited to pay an annual subscription - **£15 per for individuals who are also National FSA members, £20 for individuals who are not National FSA members, £30 for organisations (up to 3 people) who are also National FSA members, £40 for organisations (up to 3 people) who are not National FSA members, £10 for students (regardless of National FSA membership) and free membership for committee members.** All paid members will be able to attend the 3 annual networking/CPD sessions for free. Non-paid members will be charged a fee of £10 per session. There may be additional fees to cover costs of workshops or for fundraising events.
- 11) The group shall hold an annual general meeting. A quorum for this meeting will be 6 **Suffolk FSA** members. The constitution can be changed (as deemed appropriate by members through majority vote) and adopted each year at the AGM.
- 12) Accounts shall be kept by the treasurer and approved at the annual general meeting for members.
- 13) A bank account will be maintained by the group whose signatories will be the members of the executive with any two required to sign cheques.
- 14) All expenditure **above £100** will be pre-agreed by a minimum of 3 officers of the committee.
- 15) The group will maintain public liability insurance to cover the day-to-day administrative activities of the group and meetings. When organising practical events, the committee shall ensure that all activities are covered by adequate insurance. It will ask providers leading training events being hosted by the group to ensure that their activities are fully covered by their own insurance.
- 16) If the group shall, by general consent of its members, cease to exist, agreed by two-thirds majority vote at a final meeting, all assets shall pass to the Forest School Association for the benefit of Forest School nationally.

Signed



(Chair)

Date: 15/2/26

Forest School Association (FSA) Members' Code of Conduct

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The purpose of this code is to support our vision of 'quality Forest School for all' by empowering our members to participate, share and inspire people through their contact with Forest School. Following this code is one way FSA members support the FSA's articles of association.

1. Celebrate and promote the Forest School philosophy:

1.1 It is important for clarity that all FSA members have a unified understanding of the Forest School philosophy. Members should define Forest School clearly to others using the definition adopted by the FS community in 2011.

1.2 Members should celebrate and promote quality Forest School work across the UK and beyond.

1.3 Members should work together to improve understanding of Forest School and its benefits to wider audiences.

2. FSA membership responsibilities:

2.1 The FSA as an organisation may be judged by the conduct of individual members, directors and regional groups. All members should conduct themselves in a way that reflects the vision, aims and values of the FSA and which promotes the work of FSA.

2.2 Members should ensure that their Forest School practice is within UK laws at all times, following the good practice guidelines of the Forest School principles and criteria, and does not bring the FSA or Forest School into disrepute.

2.3 The logo of the FSA belongs to the association and should not be used in any way by individual members, unless the member has been given specific permission from the FSA.

2.4 Modified FSA logos can be used by those granted permission to use them, but must only be used in the circumstances prescribed by the FSA.

2.5 Members are encouraged to participate and contribute to the ongoing work of the FSA, for example through consultations, local groups and online services.

2.6 Members should use their membership benefits appropriately for the mutual benefit of all FSA members. Individual members should safeguard the benefits of their membership, and not transfer these benefits, such as their website password, to others.

3. Sustainable practices & care of the environment

3.1 Forest School aims to reconnect people to nature for the mutual benefit of people and the planet. Members should have an awareness of environmental issues and demonstrate a commitment to caring for our environment.

3.2 Members should share ideas and support each other to develop sustainable and ethical practices.

Additional

It is a requirement of FSA membership to agree to adhere to the code for the duration of an individual's subscription. A member who, following investigation, is found to be in breach of this code of conduct may, as an ultimate sanction, have their membership revoked.