

## Procedures for Forest School

Gan Alon is very fortunate to have a Forest School in its grounds. Because of this the staff have undertaken training and have a programme so that Gan Alon children can make use of this extraordinary facility.

- When is Forest School?

We will take one class group, the children who stay behind will do an art or cooking activity, and then on the following day we will alternate the group. Forest School will take place between 1.15 and 2.30pm every week.

Forest school has not been assigned a specific day in order to keep the groups small and to spread this opportunity to as many children as we can.

- Clothing

Gan Alon will provide waterproof trousers that go over clothing. These garments will be kept and washed at Gan Alon. Children will also require a pair of wellington boots. We cannot accept all-in-one snowsuits. Before we go to forest we will dress the children in all clothing provided i.e. hats gloves scarves etc.

- Toileting

If a child needs to urinate we will find a secluded spot in the wood away from the group, where they can relieve themselves. If they need to defecate we will bring them back to use the toilet.

- Weather

To appreciate the experience fully it is important that children are outside no matter what the weather. Staff will take the children out after assessing the risk.

- First Aid

Staff will always have a First Aid box and mobile phone with them at Forest School. Taking them into a wild environment may result in nettle stings, splinters etc. Remember if your child is well enough to attend Gan Alon they are well enough to experience Forest School.