

Memorandum of Agreement between Mr Sheep of Overhill Farm, Overhill, Hillshire and Overhill School, Field Street, Overhill, Hillshire. 2019 - 2020

This agreement is for the use of Southside Hill Woods, Grid Reference 06200 09266, for a Forest School Programme – the site is boundary by the red lines on the attached map. The site is owned by Mr Sheep.

Overhill School will;

Pay Mr Sheep £600 per year for the use of Southside Hill Woods and will pay in three termly installments of £200 at the start of each term.

Have access to the site on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the SCHOOL YEAR, during termtime. The timings of the programme will be between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Any other timings or sessions and associated costs will be negotiated between Overhill School and Mr Sheep

Ensure that the site will be left as it is found unless positive ecological management operations by the school groups using the site are agreed in advance of the programme with Mr Sheep

Minimise, where possible, the impact of the Forest School programme on the ecology of Southside Hill Woods

Maintain the paths and clearings as agreed with Mr Sheep., and ensure groups stay out of any no-go zones on the designated site in order to minimize disturbance to the wood.

Make a site risk assessment each time a Forest School session takes place and if any unacceptable hazards identified cannot be rectified by the School that need the landowner (Mr Sheep) to rectify they will be reported immediately to Mr Sheep

Provide copies of the risk benefit assessments for the Forest School Programme to Mr Sheep

Provide a designated contact and phone number for Mr Sheep

Access the site via the footpath running from Hill Road as marked on the map.

Any vehicles requiring access to the woodland in relation to Overhill School Forest School programme will use the pull – in (owned by Mr Sheep) opposite the stile to the footpath marked on the map

Ensure the gate to Southside Wood is always left locked at the end of each session

The Forest School participants stay within the red line on the attached map. Permission from Mr Sheep needs to be sought if the group wish to visit other areas of the woodland or farm.

Use the compost toilet on the site for all toileting and use the agreed procedures

Ensure the larger group shelter on the site is kept in good condition and always left in a tidy state

Ensure all litter is removed from the site

Ensure all composted material is placed in the compost bin and will follow the agreed guidance on composting

Prevent any damage to the trees

Negotiate any site changes required for the operation of Forest School and perform any management operations agreed between the School and Mr Sheep

Any Fires on the site will be on designated places as agreed with Mr Sheep and follow risk benefit assessments done by the school.

Any temporary structures such as rope swings and shelters will be taken down after each session, if required.

Provide a copy of Overhill School's public liability insurance to lead Forest School

Be required to meet with Mr Sheep at least termly to review the Forest School programme.

Overhill Farm (Mr Sheep) will;

Provide evidence that the land has appropriate current public liability insurance to allow for public access to Southside Hill Woods

Ensure the woodland is safe to use, for example remove any hanging deadwood that may be in areas used by Overhill School Forest School groups

Ensure the boundary of the site is maintained so it is both livestock proof and secure for Overhill School Forest School groups

Agree any woodland management operations that Overhill School Forest School groups may get involved with and notify Overhill School of any management operations that may affect groups visiting the site

Agree sites for fires and provide firewood at £40 per load (fills the fire store on the site)

Contact the school should there be any woodland management operations that may affect the running of Forest School sessions.

Maintain the access to the site and provide a key to gate padlock for the designated Staff member leading the Forest School sessions.

Review on a termly basis the use of Southside Woods

Contact the school should any site issues that may arise between sessions or as a result of Forest School sessions

Will provide support, if appropriate and possible, with any site matters to ensure the smoother running of the Overhill School Forest School groups

Will provide an emergency telephone contact that will be kept confidential by the school and only the designated Forest School leader and School Office will have access to the number.

To provide access through the Overhill Farm to the wood for emergency services.

Signed by; School representatives (Headteacher and Forest School Leader)

Date;

Signed by; Landowner

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