



## Dunkeld Playscheme Parent Information

This document has all the practical information you should need to prepare your child for their time with Wild Sparks, please read it carefully and get in touch if you have any queries.

### Venue

Wild Sparks Dunkeld Playschemes take place:

@ the field, Brae Street, Dunkeld, PH8 0BA

Activities mostly take place in the nearby woodland – Craig Woods.

To find us, if you are coming from Dunkeld centre (from the direction of the bridge) pass the Coop on the main street and turn up to the right (past the Smoked Salmon shop). Follow the steep hill past the houses until you pass a field of horses with the forest on your left. You should then see The Field growing space on the left hand side - there is a gate and usually a stand with fresh veg. beside it. We'll be in the small green space beside the gate.

### Drop off and pick up times

Activities run from 9.15am to 4.30pm. Please aim to drop off/pick up on time and let us know in advance if you need to come later or leave earlier.

### First Visits

Please read this document carefully and consider the challenges spending such a long day out of doors will present for your child/ren. We advise that parents take extra care to check the weather forecast and make sure their child is well equipped for the conditions, especially if they are under 8 or they are not used to spending long day out of doors. If in any doubt please do get in touch to discuss things with us. If your child finds new scenarios challenging, as many children do, we recommend you think about supporting their transition by either making an advance visit to see the site and meet staff, accompanying them for the first part of the day or arranging to pick them up early. We recognise that each child is different; many will fit right in straight away whilst others may need a little support to ease the transition. We will support you in whatever way feels right.

### The Site

Craig woods is an ancient Oak forest on a sloping site, it is rich in wildlife and play features. As it is a public and protected site we bring and take away everything we need each session. There is no indoor space or toilet, but we set up a tarpred area with a makeshift toilet that has a seat. Children wash their hands with soap and running water that we carry in. Areas are set up for children to use tools,



investigate nature, play with mud and whatever else they choose. In poor weather we rig up tars to offer protection from wind and rain. It is important that children attend Wild Sparks with appropriate clothing and footwear (see 'what to wear' section below) so they are comfortable and can fully enjoy their experience with us whatever the weather. We encourage parents to visit the site before their child attends, you can come along to one of our sessions or simply take a walk up at any other time. Parents are very welcome to join us for the start of their child's first day to get a feel for the space and how things operate at Wild Sparks.

### Payment

Wild Sparks request payment in advance for all sessions, it saves us lots of work and time if you can pay by BACS to:

Wild Sparks Outdoor Play CIC

Co-operative Bank. Sort Code: 08-92-99 Acc No: 65720503

Alternatively we can take cheques, made out to Wild Sparks Outdoor Play CIC and sent to Wild Sparks c/o **Blackhaugh Farmhouse, Spittalfield, Perth, PH1 4JZ**

We will calculate and let you know the fee with your booking confirmation. Cheques may not be cashed until the end of the month in which they are received.

### Cancellation Policy

Following receipt of your confirmation email your booking is considered confirmed. Please notify us as soon as possible if you need to make changes. Cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the day of attendance will not usually be refunded, though we will use our discretion to find an agreeable resolution and show understanding towards instances of illness or other unforeseeable circumstances.

In the event of lightening or strong winds Wild Sparks may have to cancel the session. We will notify you at the earliest possible convenience. You will be compensated for this with a choice of 50% refund or a full value credit note for the future (valid until August 2020).

### What to wear

Outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather conditions, extra layers are advised in autumn/winter. Well fitting walking boots or wellingtons are essential, with thick socks in autumn/winter.

### What to bring (Autumn/Winter)

Waterproof jacket and trousers\*

Spare socks



Hat and Gloves (spare gloves are good too!)  
Morning and afternoon snacks\*\*  
Packed lunch and drinks\*\*

\*We have some waterproof trousers and coats available to borrow if you don't have your own, please contact us in advance to check availability.

\*\*Please refrain from sending your child with large amounts of sugary foods or things to share with the group, if unsure please check with staff.

#### What **not** to bring

Penknives (we will provide all tools)  
Precious toys (that might get lost or damaged)  
Video games, cameras or video cameras  
Lots of sugary foods

#### Additional Needs & Disability

Wild Sparks welcomes children with disabilities or other additional needs and will do their best to accommodate everyone. If your child has high support needs we may need to provide them with 1:1 support, there can be a waiting list for this service which relies on grant funding. In this instance we will conduct an assessment to identify what level support right for you child, please get in touch to discuss this with us directly.

#### Child Protection

Wild Sparks takes seriously its responsibility to protect children from abuse and harm. All staff and volunteers are thoroughly vetted to ensure their suitability to work with children. All staff follow the Wild Sparks Child Protection policies and procedures to ensure their interaction with children is professional and appropriate at all times and that they know how to deal with an allegation or disclosure of abuse. ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ OUR FULL CP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WHICH CAN BE [DOWNLOADED HERE](#)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries or requests.

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