

What our Parents Say!

"Before _____ started forest schools he was an Xbox kid. Now he's an outdoor kid."

"_____ likes to build dens with his friends since taking part in forest schools. He also is a lot more confident in himself whilst playing with his friends."

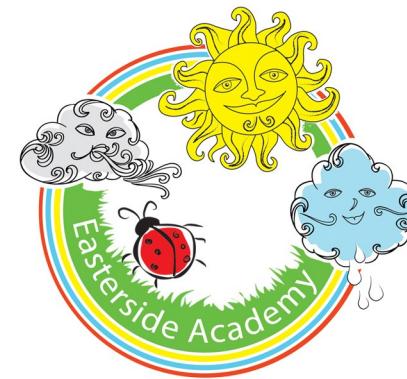
"_____ has learnt about more plants and how to interact with other children a bit more."



How can you help?

In order to support us and make sure your child gets the most out of their outdoor experiences at Easterside Academy, please ensure that they come to school appropriately dressed for the weather each day. We will also send out a slip on days when they will need an old change of clothes in order to protect their uniform.

Thank You



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Outdoor Learning at Easterside Academy



Learning Outside the Classroom

*"I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand."
Confucius (551 – 479 B.C.)*

At Easterside Academy we believe that learning need not take place solely within the indoor classrooms at our school. Outdoor time often provides the most memorable learning experiences and helps children make sense of the world around them by putting their learning into a meaningful context.



Here at Easterside Academy we try to get the children outside as much as possible through our exciting and engaging curriculum, and whatever the weather! This often takes place through a range of different subjects and not only happens on school grounds, but also further afield.



Our School Grounds

With our own extensive grounds, and excellent facilities, we provide plenty of space for children to learn; reach their potential and ultimately shine!

We have excellent outdoor grounds and facilities for our children that includes:

- Spacious grass areas
- Two playgrounds
- Two Early Years Outdoor Areas
- A games court
- Outdoor classrooms
- A wooded 'wild' area with fire pit
- An allotment and orchard
- A pond
- A stage and music area



Exploring our Locality

We also have many fantastic outdoor spaces for learning both locally and in the wider community including the 'West Beck', 'Stewarts Park' and 'Fairy Dell.'

All within walking distance of the school!



Our School Pledge

As part of our curriculum we are committed to ensuring that all children have meaningful, frequent, continuous and progressive access to Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) activities.

Exploring Further Afield

As well as using our own grounds and locality in which to teach and learn, we also look for opportunities to take learning further afield. Visits are mapped out on a regular basis across each term. An example of places we visit include:

- Alnwick Castle
- The Chocolate Factory—York
- Sedegunum—Newcastle
- York Minster / Durham Cathedral
- Saltburn beach
- Kirkley Zoological Gardens—Newcastle
- Carlton Outdoor Education Centre
- Margrove Heritage Centre
- Hancock Museum
- The Life Centre



And these are just a few!