

National Forest Champion School Framework

Steps to becoming a Champion School for Outdoor Learning



If your school does all of these steps, you have earned the status of a
Champion School!

Evidence Required

Please indicate in the far right column if your school meets this requirement

	What you need to demonstrate...	Your evidence might look like...	
1	Demonstrate that the school can deliver a variety of outdoor learning opportunities within the school across multiple age ranges.	Lesson Plans for a range of Key Stages	
2	Demonstrate that appropriate care and attention has been taken to ensure that young people are able to participate in outdoor learning safely.	Risk assessments Emergency plans Codes of Practice	
3	Demonstrate that outdoor learning is included in the long-term plan for the school to ensure its sustainability.	School Improvement Plan School Vision Documents School Plans	
4	Demonstrate how you share the outdoor learning opportunities offered within your school setting to others e.g. with other schools, nursery schools, visiting teachers etc.	Networking opportunities taken up Sharing learning on school websites/as case studies on NFC website Sharing across Academy/Trusts e.g. at Cluster meetings	

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5	Demonstrate that outdoor learning is accessible for all young people within the school setting.	Support Plans Lesson Plans	
6	Outdoor learning is embedded in the wider curriculum across Key Stages and is clearly advocated for within the school by governors, senior leaders, parents and other elements of the school community.	Curriculum maps with links to OL opportunities Inclusion in prospectus/school advertising materials	
7	Deliver outdoor learning in a designated area and champion, actively respect and protect the schools outdoor environment.	Site Management Plan	
8	Offer staff appropriate support for the effective and sustainable delivery of outdoor learning.	Evidence of training or CPD Opportunities to shadow more experienced staff. Opportunities to share skills, knowledge and experience with others	
9	Evaluate all pupils to gauge the benefits of participating in outdoor learning.	Evidence of evaluation activities	

Please contact our Education Officer on rdriver:@nationalforest.org to submit your evidence