



GREAT WALSTEAD

SCHOOL



RECREATIONAL ACCESS PERMIT

Terms of Use



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Introduction

Great Walstead is fortunate to have a substantial woodland as part of its educational facilities. The School has always been pleased to promote enjoyment of this natural resource by its pupils and wider school community.

There is no Public Right of Way within the School boundary and granting of access is entirely at the School's discretion.

Recent changes to the School's duty with regard to the Government's PREVENT strategy and Safeguarding of Children have necessitated a review of the access to School facilities by the local community.

Health & Safety

The woodland is maintained as a natural environment and, whilst the area is monitored for any safety issues such as potential falling trees or branches, the terrain is natural and therefore undulating and slippery under foot.

The School maintains 10 muster locations within the woods and the location references are detailed on the woods plan located at each muster point. These will help any emergency services to locate the area for any necessary rescue or assistance.

The School retains the right to terminate any permit issued to any person(s) in the event that, in the opinion of the School, they or the animals under their control pose a risk to the safe enjoyment of the woodland by pupils, staff or other authorised users of the facilities.

Approved activities

Walking/Running

Dog walking/Horse riding

Forest Schools

Other organised activities with the School's written approval. This will normally be as part of a hire of the School's facilities.

Application process

Permits are issued on an annual basis, expiring on the 31st December each year.

An application form must be completed and returned to the School together with the relevant fee.

Once the application has been approved photographic permits will be issued to individuals and collar/bridle discs provided for each animal. Permits must be carried whenever accessing the woodland and be available for inspection when requested; all animals must display a valid disc on collar/bridle.

Restrictions

The School retains the right to temporarily withdraw permitted access. This may be in order to allow essential works to be undertaken, where the School considers the area unsafe.

No access to the designated Educational area shown on the woods plan, to the east of the School access track.

No tents or camping permitted, unless expressly approved as part of the hire of the facilities.

No motorised vehicles other than those operated by the School or the tenant farmer are permitted in the fields or woodland.

No fires permitted on School grounds without the express written agreement of the School.

Access restricted to persons and domestic animals in possession of a valid permit issued by the School.

Horse riding only permitted during the period from 1st April to 31st October.

Access restricted to the rides and established paths or tracks through the woodland as identified on the woods plan.

The fields within the woods are tenanted to local farmers. They maintain a headland around each field for recreational access. Walkers should refrain from walking across these fields.

Flora and fauna are there to be enjoyed by all, and should not be disturbed, nor plants cut, uprooted or harvested under any circumstances.

No dog breed listed on the dangerous dogs list to be exercised on the School's grounds.

Permit holders' responsibilities

To limit activity in the woods to be within their capabilities, taking into account the prevailing weather and ground conditions.

To take reasonable care of the safety of themselves and others using the grounds.

To alert the School office in the event that they see any suspicious activity or potentially dangerous condition in the woodland. In the event that their concern is related to potential or actual abuse of a child and the School office is not available, permit holders should contact the Police directly.

To comply with the requests of any member of School staff or duly authorised agent in relation to activities in, or access to, any part of the woodland or its entirety.

To adhere by any additional emergency restrictions in place from time to time. These will be posted at the School's entrance to the woods and on the School's website. These temporary restrictions may be due to, but not limited to, adverse weather conditions, unsafe condition of trees, tree felling, ride maintenance, pest control.

To ensure that they and the members of their group are carrying their valid permit and that all animals are displaying a current disc.

To ensure that they are in control of their animals at all times. In particular, but not exclusively, ensure that the farmer's livestock is not harassed by free running dogs.

To ensure they clean up after their dog(s) and either dispose of it in the Dog Waste bin provided at the entrance to the woodland from the School track or take it with them for responsible disposal off-site.

To indemnify the School for any civil proceedings arising as a result of their actions or omissions, and to have suitable insurance in place where necessary.

The Law and relevant guidance

Education Acts 1996 & 2003

Health & Safety at Work Act 1974

Keeping Children Safe in Education July 2015

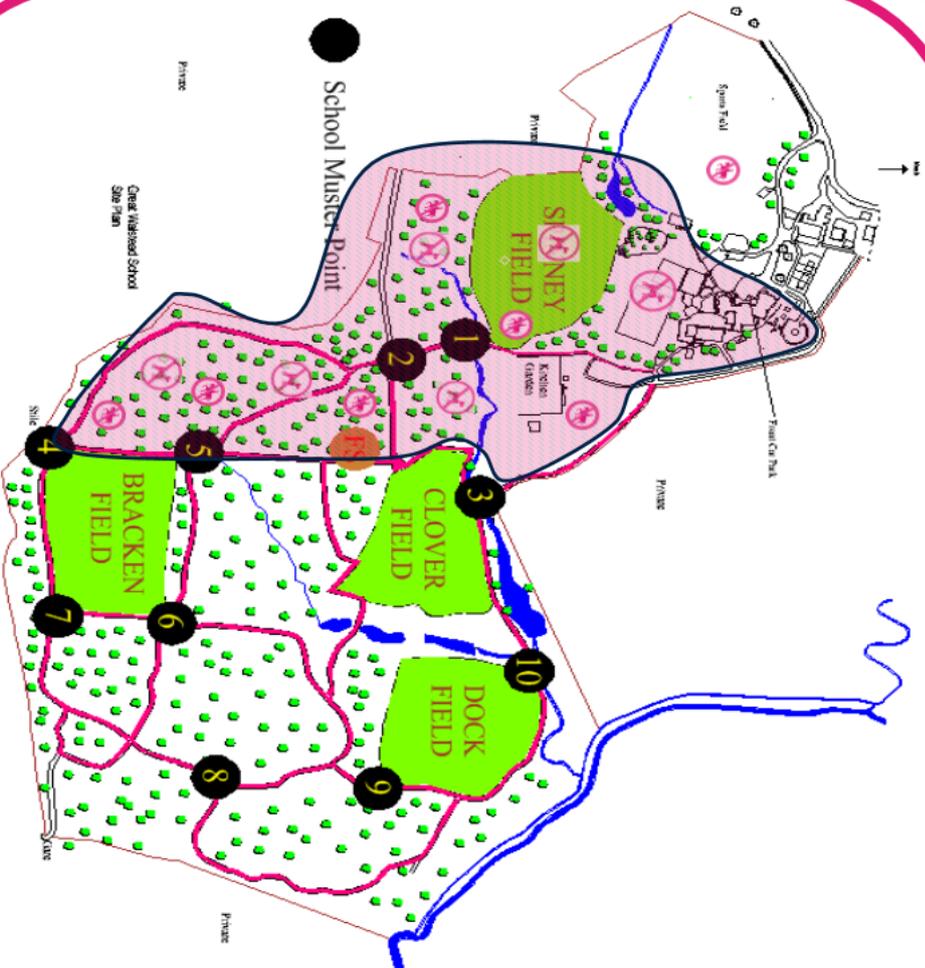
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School contact information

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RESTRICTED ACCESS ZONE
NO DOGS NO HORSES

Muster Point Locations

	Eastings	Northings
1	536585	124555
2	536613	124477
3	536806	124573
4	536736	124068
5	536742	124229
6	536983	124196
7	536973	124057
8	537199	124250
9	537215	124448
10	537050	124633