Frequently Asked Questions

What is Baby Brambles?

Baby Brambles is a session designed for our youngest wildlings!

How old does my child have to be?

We have no lower age limit for our sessions - we believe there are so many benefits for all ages in spending time outdoors in nature. Some parents choose to wait until their child can toddle around the woodland, others bring babes in arms. We have mats with sensory nature based toys for our pre-walkers and even the smallest babes can enjoy swinging in a hammock with their grown up and listening to the wind whistling through the trees. The site is accessible by pushchair. As a guide, we suggest that children remain in Baby Brambles until approximately age 2.5 years.

What is a typical session like?

We start the session with a welcome song around our campfire circle - but there is no obligation for children (or adults) to sit and join in - most of our wildlings are keen to explore and play as soon as they arrive so I'm used to singing to myself!! Each week we have a different theme and different sensory nature-based play set ups. The whole session is child-led free play. There is lots to explore in our woods such as our mud kitchen, swings and giant bubbles! We then finish with a story and goodbye song before leaving the woods.

Why are sessions booked in half term blocks?

We encourage block booking as visiting our woodland on a regular basis enables children to become confident and more independent in exploring our site, it enables them to experience the woods through the changing seasons and helps to develop relationships within the group. We understand that due to work commitments, this may not be possible for everyone, so do offer a few individual sessions at £9* per session.

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How long is a session and how much does a session cost?
Baby Brambles sessions last for 1 hour. Sessions are ideally booked in half term blocks which work out as £7* per session.

What should my little one wear?
Please see our "What to Wear" page on the website (www.bootsandbrambles.com) and our downloadable kit list. Remember to dress both you and your little one in suitable outdoor clothes that you don't mind getting muddy and wet. All sessions take place in our woodland so please wear suitable outdoor footwear. We suggest a waterproof outer layer for adults and children as we hold our sessions fully outdoors and always have mud and water play available.

Are there any refreshments?
We provide tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits - please bring your own travel mug with you.

Are there toilets?
We have access to indoor toilets with baby changing facilities.

Is there parking?
The Church Centre has a car park. It is not the most sizeable of car parks so we ask that you park as close together as you safely can (leaving room to get small children in and out of the vehicles safely).

What do you do in cases of severe weather?
We check the weather forecast before each session and adapt the activities accordingly. We have large tarpaulins up in the woods to provide shelter. We endeavour to hold our sessions in all weather, throughout the year, with the exception of very high winds or thunderstorms when it would be unsafe to be in the woods. In this case we would have to cancel the session and contact you accordingly.

What if we have to miss a session?
If your child has to miss a session, they are welcome to come along to a 'catch up' session in the same half term. We have sessions running on several days, so are happy to have them attend their catch up on a different day.

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