

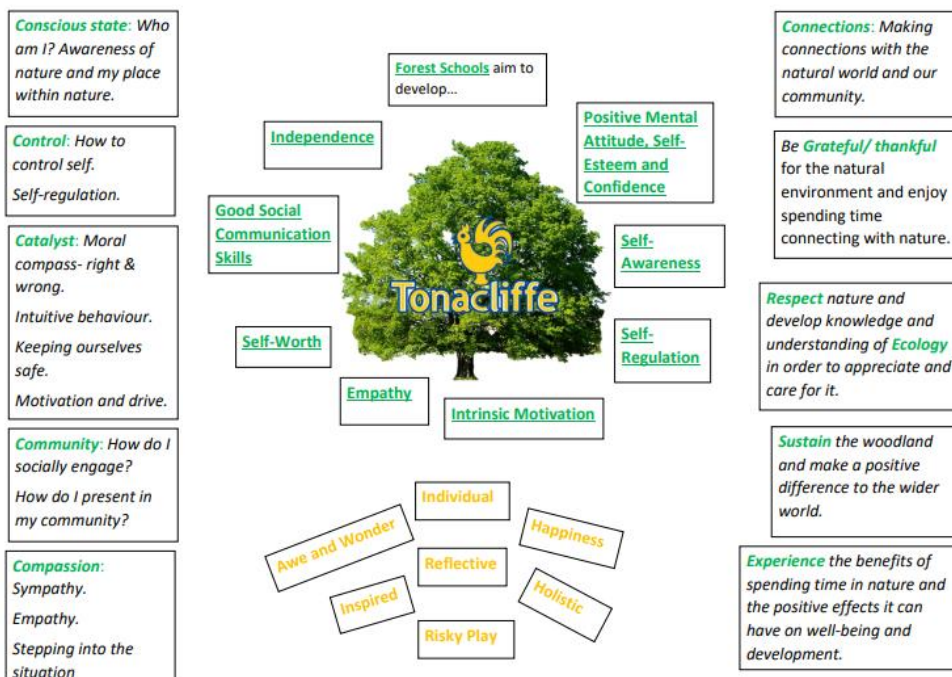
## Forest School Ethos Statement

Here, at Tonacliffe Primary School our ethos of Forest School is based on a fundamental respect for our children, and for their capacity to instigate, test and maintain curiosity in the world around them.

We firmly believe in our children’s right to play, the right to access the outdoors and we believe every child in school should have regular, long term access to a natural woodland environment which enables them to access risk and the vibrant reality of the natural world. Through Forest School, our children are able to experience a healthy range of emotions, through all the challenges of social interaction, to build a resilience that will enable continued and creative engagement with their peers and their potential.

Our Forest School provides a positive, safe outdoor environment where the children are free to explore, discover, learn and take risks. Children are given encouragement to direct their own learning, with the ultimate goal being the development of intrinsic motivation.

Forest School sessions are tailored to suit our children’s individual needs and learning styles. This provides them with endless opportunities to improve their educational, physical, linguistic, social, emotional and spiritual well-being by bringing learning to life, and to increase their confidence, self-esteem and holistic full potential. **Our Forest School supports the whole child.**



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