

Bridgend Outdoor Schools Application

Do you want to see your dedication to delivering education in the outdoors recognised?

Bridgend Outdoor Schools programme wants to recognise those who spend time delivering the curriculum in the outdoors.

Our Vision

Our vision when creating Bridgend Outdoor Schools was to encourage all schools to utilise the amazing open spaces we have in Bridgend. The Bridgend Environmental Education and Sustainability partnership want to recognise schools that have embedded use of the outdoors in their teaching.

Whether you are part of an infant, junior, primary or secondary school, a nursery or a playgroup, children can be more active, attentive and engaged in learning when it takes place using the outdoors environment. All areas of the curriculum can be delivered using the outdoors. Children offered regular learning opportunities outdoors often become active participants in their own learning and take ownership of their local natural environment.

Bridgend Outdoor Schools Award

To become a Bridgend outdoor school the whole school should be embracing outdoor learning. There should be a whole range of evidence to support this including outdoor learning in termly planning and evidence of actual session taking place in the school grounds and Bridgend's local green spaces.

The award will be self-assessed on the whole by answering the questions divided by Tondu Primary School's Eco Club. We would encourage you to do a pupil self-audit before and after taking part in the outdoor schools award to use as evidence of improvement (great to show Estyn)

To apply for the award submit the application to: mark.blackmore@bridgend.gov.uk

A panel will then assess your application and deliver 1 of 3 outcomes.

- a) Accept the application and award the school with a Bridgend Outdoor Schools Certificate
- b) Request further information
- c) Reject the application

There are no specific criteria for what makes an outdoor school as each school will support outdoor learning in a different way. What counts is how the outdoor environment is used to impact learning.



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Please use extra sheets if necessary

1. What makes your school an outdoor school?

2. What outdoor spaces do you use?

3. What activities have you done in the outdoors?

4. How do you involve your community

5. What are your future plans

Email your application to mark.blackmore@bridgend.gov.uk

