



Outdoor Instructor in Residence — from Sept 2020

Getting young people learning in the outdoors has never been so important.



In recent weeks it has become clear how difficult formal education in a normal school environment is going to be in September. Research suggests that taking the curriculum outside will not only improve attendance, increase engagement, and develop a wide range of key skills but also ease the pressure on school buildings and allow for an intense cleaning schedule.

Your schools very own Outdoor Professional



From £199+VAT

Outspark has over 15 years of experience working with schools and young people in the outdoors. Our team of professional, highly-skilled instructors from around the country can deliver a broad range of quality outdoor sessions. Outspark is led by Jason Buckley,

who as The Philosophy Man is a leading trainer and educator in Philosophy for Children. He is also the Director of Studies for GIFT, a leading provider of residentials for gifted children. Jason continues to provide intensive training to all Instructors to ensure our work with schools will be purposeful and meaningful.

How would it work?



Working across all key stages, Outspark can help your school to make the most of Government support by helping by delivering quality outdoor learning. We will provide a multi-skilled, qualified, DBS'd and First Aid Outdoor-certified professional to work within your school. We will plan and deliver a bespoke programme of safe outdoor learning

sessions in the accessible grounds, parks and footpaths close to your school or within your school premises. As much as possible, we will provide the same instructor for the duration of the residency.

Cross Curricular learning



Our skilled professional team can support you in taking the classroom out- doors. We can provide an instructor to help manage the safety of a lesson which can be anything from a scientific study in a local wild spot, to a walk to a remote spot to inspire some creative writing. We can also

directly deliver sessions like orienteering and environmental science and tie them into the current school curriculum. We can discuss curriculum links along with aims and objectives to create the perfect opportunity.

Exploring the Great Outdoors



Alongside supporting and directly providing cross-curricular learning we can also provide other experiences that focus on building healthy relationships and increasing resilience and leadership. These activities will be directly run by us so no need for a member of your staff to be in attendance which should help if you have staff shortages but keep students learning.

Some examples:

- **On site orienteering** — a half or full day of learning what maps are, understanding how to use them, designing their own maps and exploring the grounds on a school specific orienteering course.
- **Bushcraft** — Making paracord survival bracelets, fire lighting, toasting marshmallows and shelter building. It's a good activity for patience and precision, and also for peer coaching.
- **Hiking** — Whether it's an hour's walk to discover a wild location near the school or a full day hike exploring the footpaths the weave through the countryside, students will plan and lead the hike.

'Learning outside the classroom is a tool for teaching and learning which has been proven to raise attainment and achievement, improve behaviour and improve the engagement of all groups of pupils, including those who are hard to engage inside the classroom environment.' **CLOTC Council for Learning Outside the Classroom**

Sounds Interesting? What next.....

No obligation discussion

We are keen to discuss how we can best work within your school ahead of a formal booking. This means that we can get a good idea of how school life will be and the specific requirements your school might have. This then allows us to be sure we can deliver exactly what you require and design a programme that not only helps with the new pressures of keeping young people apart but also delivers high quality outdoor experiences that they can share and remember. Children are losing so much at the moment, it's important to allow them to create positive memories as well.

Please get in touch for more information. We anticipate this being very popular so please express your interest as early as possible.

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We look forward to working with you. Please visit our website to find out more about us.

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