**2.2.4.1 Sustainability Policy**

***The preservation of the Queen Emma’s site.***

We respect the site at Queen Emma’s and ensure there is no trace of our visit, remove litter when leaving the site and ensure all equipment we have taken returns with us. We are respectful of the nature and wildlife around us at all times.

**Potential impacts of our visits on the site:**

Rope swing damaging the tree—we will alternate the place on the tree this is placed and use other appropriate trees

Slack line damaging the tree—we will alternate the place on the tree this is placed and use other appropriate trees

Changing the boundaries of the wooded area as logs are used to define the space—when bug hunting, return logs if they have been upturned

Disrupting the natural eco-system— return worms and bugs to the area they were found

Disrupting the hedgehog house—children are not allowed to climb on the hedgehog house or remove any sticks from it

Destroying animal homes—do not disturb nests etc.

**We follow the Woodland Trust foraging guidelines to avoid harming the woods or the wildlife:**

Take no more than you can consume

We seek permission from the landowner

We know what we are picking, as some wild plants and fungus can be dangerous

We only collect from plentiful populations

We leave plenty behind

We do not collect rare species

**Wild plants and the law:**

All wild plants are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

It is illegal to dig up or remove a plant. This includes algae, lichens and fungi from land where it is growing, without permission from the landowner. Some species are specially protected against picking, uprooting, damage and sale e.g., bluebells and violets.

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Rosalind Hambidge (Director) Date: 2/3/2024

Signed on behalf of Little Oak Pre-school (Witney) Ltd

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