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# SMSC Outside – Supporting spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through outdoor learning



## Environmental and Outdoor Learning

**Audience:** Primary Teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Subject Leaders, Head Teachers and Outdoor Learning Practitioners.

**Context:** This course is designed to support teachers with current OFSTED guidance relating to SMSC development in children. The course will give delegates a deeper understanding of SMSC and the potential it offers schools for whole-school improvement and excellent outcomes for children.

The day will link to all aspects of SMSC but will have a primary focus upon the spiritual element because this links well with Outdoor Learning.

We will begin by exploring SMSC together and building a joint understanding of it. We will consider what schools are already doing in relation to SMSC and then undertake a big picture thinking session. This session will involve visioning, with an exploration of the skills we want children to leave our school with and a consideration of what our school vision looks like in every area of school life so that we can appreciate the potential of using SMSC as a whole-school improvement tool.

Throughout the day we will undertake a series of practical outdoor workshops where participants are given the opportunity to have a go at some outdoor learning activities that link well with SMSC. We will explore the skills we use during outdoor learning activities, how these skills can help us succeed in the classroom (and wider life), what language we can use to describe our feelings about the natural environment and enquiry approaches to learning.

**Objectives:** By the end of the course we hope participants will:

- Have a deeper understanding of SMSC
- Be aware of OFSTED guidance relating to SMSC
- Have envisioned their school community using SMSC for whole-school improvement
- Go away with a variety of hands-on outdoor learning activities that cover elements of SMSC
- Have linked skills used in Outdoor Learning with the development of good learners
- Have enjoyed a day in the beautiful surroundings of Holt Hall that has been beneficial to well-being

### Important Information:

Parts, or the majority, of the training will be outside, whatever the weather!

**Course code:** ECNL1

**Course date:** September 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 (0930 – 1600) Holt Hall

**Course Fees:** Norfolk Schools - £165

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