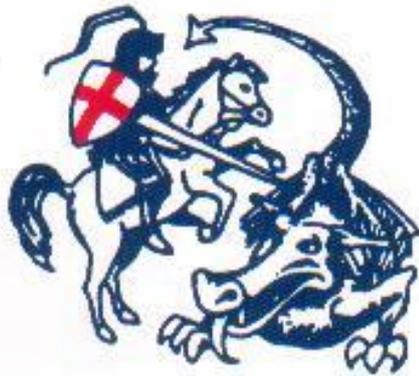


# Tree Boundary Policy

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## **St George's CEP School** **Wrotham** **Kent**



Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: Chair Buildings Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: Headteacher

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## **Introduction**

St George's is known as a partly wooded school site and our trees are an important feature of our school life. We have received awards for our woodland and wildlife aims. All trees on the school site receive a comprehensive health and safety check at the beginning of each new year. This is undertaken by Jacobs, consultants acting on behalf of the Kent County Council.

The school no longer receives funding for tree work from the Local Authority and now has to find any necessary finance from within its educational grant. This means that while the school has to meet the cost of any trees declared to be in a dangerous or potentially unsafe condition, it is unable to fund other tree work or undertake any cosmetic work.

## **Our policy**

We appreciate that, as our trees mature, the branch of a tree may overhang over a neighbouring property. Obviously the school will raise no objection to the property holder pruning back any encroaching branch or branches to their boundary line.

If access to an overhanging tree limb is a problem then the school may give permission for any works to be carried out by the property holder's tree surgeon to be undertaken from within the school grounds.

Within our strict Health and Safety Policy any permission given will be subject to the following conditions:

- a) Any tree surgeon (arborist) in the employ of the property holder will carry a Public Liability Insurance of a minimum of £5 million and will be trained to industry standards and the holder of a National Proficiency Test Council qualification. The school reserve the right to inspect the required documents.
- b) Before any grant of permission, a member of staff or school governor will meet with the tree surgeon to confirm and agree the work to be undertaken.
- c) Work will be carried out outside of school hours or extra school activities.
- d) The tree surgeon will liaise with the school regarding a start time in order that a member of staff or school governor can be present on site while the work is carried out.