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Attention of Nathan Abraham (Trade Mark Examination)

**Third party observations: trade mark UK00003033940**

This is a joint letter written by the Forest School Association, The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, Forest School Wales, and Forest Education Network.

We, the above organisations, wish to make the following third party observations in the matter of trade mark application UK00003033940.

It is our view that the two terms in the application;

**'Forest School Kindergarten' AND 'Forest Schools Kindergarten'**

are generic terms in the Outdoor Education and Forest Education sector. They both describe services in this sector. They are non distinctive and should therefore be free for everyone in this sector to use. As such, there are absolute grounds on which the trade marks can be opposed.

The **Forest School Association (FSA)** is the professional body for Forest School in the UK and a registered charity (Number 1155616). It is a membership based organisation with 800 members. 87 % of our members are Forest School practitioners and our directors are democratically elected by the members. Further information about Forest School and the FSA can be found on our website:

[www.forestschoollassociation.org](http://www.forestschoollassociation.org)

The **Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT)** operates as an umbrella body for the 47 individual Wildlife Trusts, covering the whole of the UK, the Isle of Man and Alderney. The Wildlife Trusts manage around 2,300 nature reserves and run marine conservation projects around the coast. RSWT helps to co-ordinate the Trusts' activities and campaigning for wildlife at a UK level.

RSWT is also a separate charity in its own right with the stated aim 'to promote the conservation and study of nature, and to educate the public in understanding and appreciating nature'. Today RSWT is more commonly referred to as 'The Wildlife Trusts'. You can learn more about RSWT on our website:

[www.wildlifetrusts.org/who-we-are/royal-society-wildlife-trusts](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/who-we-are/royal-society-wildlife-trusts)

**Forest School Wales** is a registered charity (Number 1103188) run by a board of Trustees who develop projects and represent their members at national and regional levels. All trustees are practising Forest School Leaders who volunteer their time in order to ensure that other practitioners across Wales are receiving effective support and have opportunities to share ideas amongst themselves.

[www.forestschoollwales.org.uk](http://www.forestschoollwales.org.uk)

**Forest Education Network** is the successor body to the Forest Education Initiative (FEI) in England and seeks to engage more young people in forest and woodland environments by supporting delivery of education in forest and woodland settings, networking and sharing good practice, and facilitating communication between the sectors and practitioners involved. As a free networking organisation, FEN largely provides an information, signposting and support service for members that are themselves directly involved with providing or promoting forest education opportunities.

[www.lotc.org.uk/fen/about-the-fen/](http://www.lotc.org.uk/fen/about-the-fen/)

Sincerely,

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