

Bees@Schools Nest Box Installation Instructions – English

Thank you for your participation in the Bees@Schools project!

The first thing you need to do is find the perfect spot to put up your nest. Nests should be installed **horizontally between 3 and 8 feet off of the ground**, facing **south to southwest** but not directly into prevailing winds. You will have a better chance of getting more bee occupants if the nest is set up in an area that gets at least **a few hours of sun per day**. Here are some examples of good installations from last year:



As you can see, there are many different ways to set up the nest! The nest **MUST** be set up **horizontally**, with the angled edge of the PVC pipe acting as a porch to further protect the tubes.

As you take your class out to find the perfect spot to set up your nest, please make a few measurements:

1. Height off the ground the nest is set up at
2. Cardinal direction the nest is facing
3. Exact latitude and longitude of the nest (not just your school)

In addition to those measurements, take **photos** of your installed nest box and the surrounding environment. Please submit all info to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/ZWFDgFX1KXM2sJPX6> so I can ensure the box is set up for a successful summer!

In September, I will ask you to retake the photos of your installed nest box and send them to me, as well as a close-up of the nest box itself. If you take any photos during the summer and want to share them, you can email them to us at beeschoolproject@gmail.com OR share them on twitter and tag @HandlerofBees.