

15th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carer

Next term Year Five and Six will be taking part in **Forest School** in our outdoor woodland area. Starting Friday 5th January 2018, each class will experience a half day session every Friday for the whole of the Spring term.

We aim to provide positive, memorable experiences in the outdoors. These experiences provide opportunities for learners to explore, collaborate, take and manage risks, problem solve, communicate and reflect in order to help build their confidence, growth and character. We believe that children learn best from first hand experiences. Forest school activities offer children the chance to learn through exploration-based learning that encourages investigation and imagination and embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of participants.

An integral part of the Forest School experience is that children will explore and experience the natural world in all weathers. In order for children to take part they will need to bring suitable clothing:

- Long trousers
- Long sleeved tops
- Waterproof trousers and coat
- Sturdy trainers/boots/wellies
- Hat (winter/summer)

Please only send old clothes that you are happy to get muddy. The children will be taking part in sessions whatever the weather so be mindful when packing. Layers are good as weather can quickly change.

We would ask that you send in 50p per week snack money to cover the cost of campfire snacks.

Kind Regards
Miss Luttrell

Please read the following statement, complete and sign at the bottom.

I give permission for my child _____ (name) to take part in Forest School sessions.

I understand that activities may include craftwork, tool use, den building, fire lighting, campfire cooking and other related activities. I give my consent for the equipment and tools to be used by my child, for activities during the sessions, under supervision. I understand that a strict code of practice for working with children will be followed and all activities will be risk assessed and I will be informed of any extra details of activities or changes to normal routines. I understand that school cannot take responsibility for property that may become lost/damaged during these sessions.

In an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me and I give permission for any medical treatment required.

Signed _____

Print name _____

Date _____

Relationship to child _____

