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Early Years Forest School

Dear Parents

As of January 2017, we are launching Forest School for Early Years children. Please find enclosed an information leaflet about Forest School, along with a permission slip to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

We plan to have our first Forest School session on the morning of Thursday 19th January. As this is our first session – and it is January – we may not be outside all morning, but I ask that you dress your children warmly in anticipation of a full morning session.

What to wear?

Please send your child to school on the morning of Forest School dressed in warm 'home clothes' (not uniform). They WILL need layers – perhaps a vest, t-shirt and warm jumper. Trousers MUST be worn – no skirts or tights please. Warm jogging trousers are ideal. Children will need a warm coat, and they MUST have gloves and a hat.

Once in school, children will change into their school wellies and will put on the waterproofs they keep in school. Please ensure these items are in school as usual.

It is essential that children wear warm footwear for under their wellies, such as thermal socks or boot liners. Feet get cold quickly in wellies, so please do make sure children are dressed appropriately.

Things to note

As our first session is on a Thursday, Reception children will have swimming in the afternoon. Please remember swimming kit.

Also, as it is Thursday, Reception children will not be read with by an adult in school that day, as there won't be an opportunity to do so. However, I will change children's reading books so you have a new one for the weekend, so please do send in book bags, books and reading records as usual.

I will talk to the children about Forest School next week, and I'm sure they will be very excited!

Thank you.

Mrs Dickens