



OUR LADY & ST. HUBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our exciting and growing curriculum, we are delighted to offer your child's class the opportunity to take part **Forest School sessions on Wednesday's** during the school day, starting Wednesday 23rd September. Each session will be led by our Forest School Lead – Peter Yates, who will be supported by school staff. Peter is fully qualified in leading forest school and has a number of exciting plans for both Year 1 and the forest school area – plans for which Year 1 will play a key role. The area has been fully risk assessed.

Forest School sessions will support children's right to play, to instigate, test and maintain curiosity in the world around them; to access the outdoors; to access risk and the right to experience a healthy range of emotions, through all the challenges of social interaction, or build a resilience that will enable continued and creative engagement with their peers and their potential. Children will have opportunities to: build dens, cook over a fire, use bush craft knives and saws, get messy in the mud kitchen, play games, explore their natural environment, enjoy teamwork activities and have FUN.

Forest School knits tightly with our new curriculum and 6Cs, with a relentless focus on key learning behaviours which lead to active outcomes. Key elements of the 6Cs such as communication, creativity, collaboration and character can be developed and enhanced by outdoor exploration.

In the past we have provided waterproof clothing and wellies, however, due to current procedures this cannot happen. Therefore, children should come to school ready for Forest School. Children should wear:

- Warm, old clothing – t-shirt, jumper, coat, trousers/jogging bottoms.
- Wellington Boots or old trainers.
- Hat, gloves, scarf.
- A waterproof coat
- It is also advised that children wear waterproof trousers on days where there is adverse weather.

Children will also need:

- A change of clothes including footwear (so they can change on returning to class, should they get wet/muddy).
- Plastic bags for any dirty clothes

We cannot express enough that Forest School clothes must be old and warm! Children will be taking part in many activities which may result in them getting wet, muddy and dirty.

If you have any concerns, or would not like your child to take part in Forest School, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

Mr A Brown

Interim Head of School