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Dear Parents/carers,

Firstly we would like to welcome your child, staff look forward to meeting them and providing a wonderful learning experience during the holiday.

We understand that new situations can be very stressful for young people, so we would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to forest school and cover some of the frequently asked questions.

The forest school holiday club day runs from 9.00-5.30pm, parents/carers are welcome to drop off and collect their child at any point during these times.

Lunch is provided for students attending for a full day, please can you let us know on the enrolment form enclosed if your child has any allergies, this will inform menu choices for the days they attend. Children will have access to hot and cold drinks during the day, if they would like to bring snacks or extra drinks can we please ask that these are labelled.

This form is also for parents to inform us of any medical conditions and medication that may need to be administered during the day, can we please ask that this is filled out with as much information as possible. We also have staff trained in various therapies, it may be that we can offer complementary therapy for some conditions, please ask for more information.

Forest School will take place in ALL weathers unless the safety of the children is in question, due to high winds, torrential rain causing flooding or icy paths.

'There is no such thing as bad weather... just bad clothing'.

Suitable clothing is essential for everyone participating: we need to be adequately dressed in order to access the full learning potential of the session.

Children should wear:

Long sleeved t-shirt

Trousers/Jeans, to reduce the risk of bites, stings and scratches.

Long socks, wellies or walking boots. In hot summer months old trainers may be worn instead.

Waterproof over trousers, dungarees or all in ones if possible.

During the summer, a sunhat and sunscreen should be applied.

During the colder months (Oct- Mar/Apr), extra layers should be worn such as fleece, leggings, tights, hats, gloves etc.

Waterproof, warm coats are also required.

Children should bring their Forest School wellies/outdoor shoes and extra clothes to change into, whilst in the classroom they can wear trainers, shoes, slippers etc whatever they feel most comfortable in.

Due to the nature of these sessions it is suggested that you do not send your child in any clothes which you mind getting dirty, muddy or wet.

We would also suggest any valuable jewellery, phones, ipads etc that your child may wish to bring to forest school is kept inside the classroom or preferably left at home, as we cannot be held responsible for these items becoming lost or broken.

If you have any questions about this or would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

Regards

Victoria Predeth