



Dragonfire Outdoor Learning

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Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to let you know that your child will be taking part in Forest School **starting on Thursday 19th September.**

It is always a pleasure to work with groups of children outside in the Forest School area and being part of their learning, however, to ensure they fully enjoy the experience can I just draw your attention to our recommended clothing list:

- Wellies
- Socks (2 pairs for warmth in very cold weather)
- Hat/sun hat (weather depending)
- Long-sleeved top (NOT short, as long sleeves will protect against brambles and nettles)
- Full-length trousers
- Jumper
- Waterproof trousers
- Waterproof coat (should it rain, we still aim to go ahead with Forest School)

It is important that children wear the correct clothing for their own safety and so we ask that they have suitable clothing so as to join in all the activities fully. Even in warm weather the children will need long sleeves and long trousers to protect the children from brambles and nettles. Please do let us know if you need any other information or if we can help.

I've also attached a medical form which we ask you to complete. This is part of our required Risk Assessment criteria for Forest School. We are required to keep medical records for each child with us when carrying out Forest School. These are updated annually.

As part of the session each week the children enjoy a cup of hot chocolate (made only with hot water, no milk) and a Rich Tea or digestive biscuit. If you would prefer your child not to eat or drink these, please let us know on the slip at the bottom of the medical form and feel free to send in an alternative biscuit and drink (in a flask, if a warm drink).

Forest School is always a very special event and the children remember their experiences for years to come. I feel very privileged to be able to work with your child and look forward to sharing their explorations with them.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Batten