

Wednesday 06 September 2023

Dear parents and carers

Outdoor Learning at Woodside

We are very excited to start Forest School sessions with our Reception classes. This will commence the week beginning 11 September and will continue until week ending 27 October. If there are changes to the planned dates, we will inform you at the earliest opportunity. Sessions will only be cancelled in extreme weather conditions, where it has been deemed unsafe by the Forest School Leader for children and adults to access the site.

This is an opportunity for your child to experience nature and the outdoor environment. Children will be encouraged to investigate and explore the forest school area, learning to respect all living things, build a sense of independence, develop their self-esteem and work as part of a team.

Class RSD will be attending Forest School on **Thursday afternoons**.

Please ensure your child has their Forest School kit in a bag on a Thursday. Your child will get changed after dinner, ready for their session and will come home in their Forest School clothes.

Your child will need the following clothing (**please put your child's name in each item**):

- waterproof coat (not their school coat)
- waterproof trousers
- walking boots or wellies (**no trainers**)
- extra pair of thick socks
- long trousers (no jeans please as denim can rub badly when wet and cause sores)
- T-Shirt or long sleeved top
- long sleeved jumper
- hat, gloves and scarf if it's cold.
- more thin layers are best for warmth, and layers can always be removed

Please supply your child with **old clothes** as they will get dirty. All kit, including wellies/walking boots, must be named and wellies or walking boots should be brought in a named plastic bag.

If your child has any allergies that you have not told us about, please let reception staff know immediately.

Yours sincerely,



Hayley Brown

Forest School Leader