

Thursday 06 June 2024

Dear parents and carers

### **Forest School at Woodside**

We are very excited to start Forest School sessions with our Year Five classes. This will commence the week beginning 10 June and will continue to the end of this half term. 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 5TB will be attending Forest School on **Wednesday afternoons.**

Please ensure your child has their Forest School kit in a bag on a Wednesday. 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**)
- **long** socks (not trainer 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
- Sun hat and suncream

**\*\*** It is really important that you send your child with **old clothes** that don't matter if they get spoiled, as they will undoubtedly enjoy getting wet and muddy! Please expect your child and their clothes to get dirty – it's all part of the fun at Forest School and playing in the natural environment! **\*\***

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

Yours sincerely,



Hayley Brown

Forest School Leader