

Swindon Village Primary School

Forest School is Expanding

19th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of Class 10

We are excited to announce that our Forest School programme will be expanding from January. It is currently offered to Reception/Year 1 and some Nurture Groups. In the New Year your Year Group (Year 4) will also receive this opportunity. For the Spring Term each class will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ term of weekly afternoon Forest School. Class 10 will be in Spring 1, with Class 9 in Spring 2.

Class 10 will have Forest School on

- Tuesday 9th January – 1st day back in the New Year
- Tuesday 16th January
- Tuesday 23rd January
- Tuesday 30th January
- Tuesday 6th February

Your child will need to bring the following clothing to school each Tuesday, ideally in a 'bag for life' as these are strong and big.

- Old clothes which you do not mind if they get muddy
- Waterproof coat if possible...again this is likely to get dirty
- Wellington boots if possible (if not old shoes which can get muddied).
- A plastic bag to put any muddy clothes into after the sessions.

Additional information about Forest School

Forest School is the name for an approach to educating children in the outdoors on a regular basis. This work will support the main curriculum (particularly literacy, science, technology and the arts) and will have a strong emphasis on continuing to raise children's self-esteem and independence. Forest School activities include wood craft, fire-making (and cooking), and den building, as well as learning to understand, appreciate and protect the environment.

An integral part of the Forest School experience is that children will experience the outdoors in all weathers and through all seasons. With the exception of very high winds and thunder storms or illness, please assume that your child will be outside when they take part in Forest Schools, even if it is for a shortened session.

We have undertaken a large amount of risk assessments to minimise any risk within Forest School activities to an acceptable level. However, every session begins with a reminder of key rules to ensure that everybody enjoys their time at Forest School.

Many thanks



Mr. Mills
Head Teacher

To be returned on or by 9th January 2024

This form has been sent home with your child – please check their bag

Child's Name:	Class:	Please indicate YES / NO
<u>Medical Information</u>		
I confirm that the medical information I have supplied to the school is fully up to date		
<u>Insect Stings:</u> As an additional precaution, we are required to ask you in more detail about allergies and insect stings		
My child has never been stung by a wasp / bee		
My child has been stung by a wasp / bee and made a normal recovery		
My child has been stung by a wasp / bee and had an allergic reaction <i>If you indicated YES in this box, we will get in touch with you to get further details</i>		
<u>Allergies</u>		
My child has the following allergy/allergies (including foods / drinks):		
<u>Data Protection</u>		
All information provided is covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 and is strictly confidential. I understand and agree to the above being held by Swindon Village Primary School		

I have clearly indicated to the above permissions relating to (child's name) _____ as their principle carer / parent	Name of Parent/carers	
	Signed	
	Date	