

# Swindon Village Primary School

## Forest School

21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Class 8

We are excited to announce that our Forest School programme has expanded. In the Summer Term, Year 3 will also receive this opportunity. For the Summer Term each class will receive ½ term of weekly afternoon Forest School. Class 8 will be in Summer 1, with Class 7 in Summer 2.

### **Class 8 will have Forest School on Wednesday afternoons**

**Your child will need to bring the following clothing to school each Wednesday, 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 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

<b>Child's Name:</b>	<b>Class:</b>	<b>Please indicate YES / NO</b>
<b><u>Medical Information</u></b>		
I confirm that the medical information I have supplied to the school is fully up to date		
<b><u>Insect Stings:</u> As an additional precaution, we are required to ask you in more detail about allergies and insect stings</b>		
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>		
<b><u>Allergies/Dietary Requirements</u></b>		
Please stipulate any allergies/dietary requirements (e.g. gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian):		
<b><u>Data Protection</u></b>		
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	<b>Name of Parent/carer</b>	
	<b>Signed</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	