



Woodcote Primary School

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Information for Parents/Carers

We are very excited to be starting Forest School at Woodcote Primary School. We have a great wooded area which is the ideal location for us to go out and explore, have fun and learn.

Forest School is an inspirational concept providing learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. Children enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers. Forest School embraces an approach of nurturing, supporting and developing the self-esteem of participants. It is an ideal environment in which to develop innovation, problem solving, risk taking, creativity and teamwork.

Forest School sessions will be led by Claire Uzzell who is trained and working towards Level 3 Forest School Practitioner Open Award Level 3. Claire is also a trained Level 3 Outdoor First Aider.

Claire will be supported on Forest School Sessions with Teachers and Support staff from the school. Staffing ratios will be adhered to and any pupils who require 1:1 support will have this during Forest School. Forest School Sessions are inclusive and planned to allow all pupils, including SEN to participate fully.

The safety and welfare of the pupils participating in Forest School is paramount and therefore all tasks are age-appropriate.

Clothing

To allow the pupils to participate fully the correct clothing is essential for Forest School. All participants need to bring:

- Wellingtons/sturdy walking boots/trainers
- Long trousers/ long sleeved top
- Jumper/Sweatshirt
- Waterproof coat and trousers if possible



- Hat, gloves and thick socks in Autumn/Winter months
- Sun hat and sun cream in Summer

These need to be old clothes as we do not intend to stay clean!

Year 1 will be the first to have Forest School, starting on Tuesday 7th November and every Tuesday and Wednesday for the next 3 weeks. We will inform you when other years will be starting. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter.

If you have any questions about Forest School, please speak to Mrs Palumbo or Mrs Uzzell

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Name of Child/Children:.....

I consent for Mrs Uzzell to use photographs of my son/daughter for her course work (no names will be given and no photos will be published on any social media).

Signed: