



Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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Dear Parents/carers

FOREST SCHOOL 2022

I am pleased to let you know that from Easter we shall be running Forest School sessions on a weekly basis for all year 6 children at St Nicholas' Middle School. They will spend the Summer term participating in Forest School, and will be covering such concepts as problem-solving, biodiversity and food webs, shelter construction, storytelling, tool-use, fire-lighting and cooking.

Research suggests that children learn best from first-hand experiences. Exploring, playing and problem solving within the Forest School aims to encourage learning using a range of activities (both designed by the leader and instigated by the children themselves). Building a sense of independence, high self-esteem and team work are important parts of Forest School, but health and safety considerations are always of paramount importance.

Each class in each year group will spend one afternoon per week in Forest School, with sessions being led by the Forest School Leader, Mr Dodson, together with class teachers and other staff to ensure that there is a low pupil to adult ratio. As the sessions happen during the day on the school site, normal practices around first aid and medicines will apply, but there is also a qualified First Aider in every session.

The timings will be as below:

Year 6 – Monday, Heron class; Tuesday, Raven class; Wednesday, Swallow class

Children will need to bring suitable clothing and footwear into school and will change at lunchtime into their forest school clothes: we will be outside in all weathers, and they will almost certainly get muddy on occasions.

Summer clothing

- Long-sleeved top/jumper
- Long trousers/waterproofs if needed
- Wellies or trainers (no open-toe shoes)
- Waterproof coat or other coat

Sessions begin in Week 1 of the Summer term. If you have any questions about Forest School, please enquire via the school office.

Regards

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