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South Darley C.E. Primary School

19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child has been invited to attend an exciting and inspirational outdoor programme called 'Forest Schools'. The weekly sessions will be held in the Plantation on Friday afternoons starting on Friday 10th November 2023 and the last session taking place on Friday 15th December 2023.

What is Forest Schools?

Forest School is an outdoor education delivery model in which the children visit natural spaces to learn personal, social and technical skills. It has been defined as 'an inspirational process that offers children, young people and adults' regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence through hands-on learning in a woodland environment'.

The sessions will consist of team-building tasks, den building, crafting using natural resources, forest exploration and many more exciting activities that will engage your child in all things nature. The sessions will be situated in the Plantation and will be supported by myself.

Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for the weather on the day.

- multiple layers, waterproof coat and trousers, outdoor shoes/boots with good grips and hat and gloves (not woollen) for colder spells.
- Sun cream, sunhats and outdoor shoes/boots with good grips for warmer weather and long sleeves/long trousers as legs can be exposed to brambles, tree roots, plants and twigs if not properly covered and clothing/shoes may become wet from the ground as well as from rain.
- A spare pair of shoes in a plastic bag is always helpful. All sessions go ahead regardless of weather conditions (with the exception of high winds/lightning)!

Children should come to school in the morning dressed for forest school. Please also send your child with a spare pair of shoes in a plastic bag to change into at the end of the session. Please complete and return the attached permission slip by Friday 27th October 2023 to allow your child to participate.

I look forward to working with your young explorers.

Kind Regards

Mrs Feeney KS2 Teaching Assistant and Forest Schools Lead

At South Darley we strive to be living as Children of Light (Ephesians 5:8), for if we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light, we will have fellowship together. (1 John 1:7)



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Forest Schools Permission Form

Please complete and return by Friday 27th October 2023

Name of Child	
Year Group	

I give permission for my child to participate in Forest School Lessons Yes/No

I give permission for my child to work, at an appropriate level, with hand tools and small fires throughout the course of their Forest School Work Yes/No

Medical conditions, food allergy/other allergies

My child has not been stung by a wasp or bee True/False

My child has been stung by a wasp or bee and has a normal recovery True/False made

My child has been stung by a wasp or bee and had a reaction True/False

Please provide full details of reaction and treatment provided

Signed	
Name of Parent/Carer (please print name)	
Date	