

7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year the Year 6 classes will be participating in Forest School sessions. **These will happen on every third Wednesday in the afternoons. Conor's class will begin the lessons on the 12th September 2018, followed by Vicky's class on the 26th and then Shona's on the 3rd of October. After this, we will alternate in this order.** The sessions will take place at Wild Cat Wilderness Community Green Space, Riverview Park Road, Catford (near Elm Lane playing fields).

Forest school is an opportunity for your child to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands-on way. Its ethos is to be child focused, so each session is planned to ensure the interests and discoveries of each child can be supported in the next session. The children will participate in a range of activities including building homes with natural materials, going on a mini-beast scavenger hunt, exploring different types of trees, making fires and toasting marshmallows! As the sessions progress, the children will be introduced to a range of tools (knives, palm drills) which they will be taught to use safely.

On the day that your child has Forest School please ensure that they have appropriate clothes for the weather, including:

- **Sturdy trainers, boots or wellies**
- **Warm Socks**
- **A warm coat – preferably waterproof**
- **A long sleeved top and trousers**

Waterproof coats and trousers will be provided for the children to wear.

If you are able to volunteer and come along to Forest School sessions, or have any questions about Forest School, please contact me.

Best wishes,

Sarah Casson
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Level 3 Forest School Leader