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Dear Parents,

Forest Schools - Year 1 and Year 2

Here at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we want to give all our children the best possible opportunities and experiences. We are very excited to share with you, that our school will be implementing Forest School into our learning, starting on Tuesday afternoons from Tuesday 10th September for pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 (each class will have an hour long session).

What is Forest School? Forest School is a fun, exciting way to learn in an outdoor setting. It is proven to improve children's confidence, self-esteem, and communication skills, as well as giving them an opportunity to have lots of fun! The children also develop skills in team work, using tools safely and learning about looking after our planet. Forest school will further enhance the curriculum in our school. More information on Forest School can be found here: <https://forestschoolassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/>

The activities will be led by a qualified Forest School Leader, working on behalf of Branch Out Forest School along with your child's class teachers.

What will my child need? Forest Schools will happen in all weathers (unless it is VERY windy or icy), so please make sure your child has suitable clothes for the weather. They will need warm, old clothes that they can get dirty, an extra jumper, strong shoes such as boots or wellies, and a waterproof coat during cold seasons.

We need your help! To enable us to complete these sessions successfully there are a few items we need your help in sourcing. When you are visiting parks, or out walking, please keep an eye out for the following items: conkers, acorns, small sticks and twigs, pinecones. Your child can bring in these items and leave them at the Forest School site.

If anyone can donate wellies, hats, scarves, and gloves this would be very much appreciated and help to support us with our new exciting venture. They can be items your child has outgrown.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to this new exciting experience.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hillier and the 'Branch Out Forest School Team

