



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

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Dear Year 1 Parents

## Re: Forest School

I am delighted to inform you that children in Year 1 will be having the opportunity to attend Forest School sessions from next week onwards.

Originating in Scandinavia, Forest School is a way of learning in a woodland environment where people of all ages and abilities can develop socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually through play and by following individual and preferred learning styles. Forest School is enjoyable and fun, promoting responsibility and respect for oneself, each other and the environment. It is a response to modern living - an alternative learning area inspiring the building of competencies and the development of independence, confidence and self-esteem.

In an age when many children have few opportunities to be outdoors, it offers them a practical way to learn and experience parts of the curriculum in a woodland environment. Through regular sessions in the same area of woodland with the Forest School Leader, children can develop:

- personal confidence, self-esteem, communication and social skills
- a wider range of physical skills than those developed indoors
- a greater understanding and awareness of their own natural and made environments
- their natural motivation and positive attitude to learning

Please note below timings of Forest School sessions:

<b>1S</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 9 <sup>th</sup> May, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 11 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>1D</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> May, 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 12 <sup>th</sup> July

Children will need to bring in wellingtons, an old pair of trousers, a suitable long sleeved top and a pair of gloves to wear at each session. They will be given waterproof jackets and dungarees to put over the top if needed.

Children in Year 1 last year really enjoyed these sessions, and we are delighted that we will be able to offer our Year 1 children this year the opportunity to develop a range of skills in a very exciting way.

It is a necessity, that a consent form is signed, prior to taking children to Forest School. Please therefore complete the attached consent form and return to the office by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely

*A. Newsome*

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Deputy Headteacher

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### Forest School – Consent Form to be returned to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Please read through this form – it is important that we have up to date information to ensure your child is safe and enjoys their Forest School experience. If there are any changes to this information while your child is attending Forest School please make sure Mrs Newsome is made aware.

<b>Personal Details</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
Child's Name:	Does your child have any allergies that you need to tell us about?
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
	Does your child have any specific dietary requirements
Parent/carer's Name:	Some days it may be essential to use sun block/protection. We will take some in the First Aid Kit
Contact Nos: Home: Mob:	Photographs will be taken at Forest School, which we hope to use to show the benefits of Forest School
Other emergency contact number:	
<b>Medical Information</b>	<b>Consent</b>
Doctor's Name:	I agree to (name of child)  ..... receiving any medical attention that he/she may need and any emergency medical attention as considered necessary by the medical authorities. Forest School staff will contact you if possible in these circumstances. In the event of my child having an accident, I give permission for Forest School staff to assist them in changing themselves. I give my consent for my child to use sun block provided – where possible they will administer this themselves. I agree that photographs/video footage may be taken of my child, which may be used to promote Forest School in any printed publication, promotional DVD or Forest School website. The information collected here is intended to help us review and better plan Forest School services. Information will only be shared with other agencies involved in Forest School service provision. We will not pass on information to anyone else without consulting you first, unless this would leave someone in danger of serious harm.
Telephone No:	
Address:	
Does your child have a medical condition or disability that we need to be aware of e.g asthma, epilepsy?	
Please tell us about any medication they need to take	Signed parent/carer
What was the date of their last Tetanus injection?	Date

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