

# Swindon Village Primary School



## Forest School

12 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 1


We are excited to announce that our Forest School programme will continue. In the Spring Term, EYFS will receive this opportunity. For the Spring Term each class will receive Forest School Sessions on **Thursday** afternoons of alternating weeks.

### **Class 3 will have Forest school**

9<sup>th</sup> January  
23<sup>rd</sup> January  
6<sup>th</sup> February  
27<sup>th</sup> February  
13<sup>th</sup> March  
27<sup>th</sup> March  
10<sup>th</sup> April

### **Class 4 will have Forest School**

16<sup>th</sup> January  
30<sup>th</sup> January  
13<sup>th</sup> February  
6<sup>th</sup> March  
20<sup>th</sup> March  
3<sup>rd</sup> April

Your child will need to bring a pair of  wellies (CLEARLY NAMED) to school each Forest School Thursday. Ideally bring the wellies in a 'bag for life' as these are strong and big.

We are fortunate this year as we have been provided with a class set of waterproof jackets and trousers. This means your child will not have to bring in additional clothing for Forest School as the waterproofs will fit over their uniform. Please ensure your child has a named warm coat, hat and gloves every Thursday.

If your child prefers to bring in their own waterproof jacket and trousers or all in one suit, this is fine but please ensure that any such items are clearly named.

### **Additional information about Forest School**

Forest School is the name for an approach to educating children in the outdoors on a regular basis. It focuses on fostering personal, social and emotional development through regular, hands on experiences in the natural environment.

An integral part of the Forest School experience is that children will experience the outdoors in all weathers and through all seasons. With the exception of very high winds and thunder storms or illness, please assume that your child will be outside when they take part in Forest Schools, even if it is for a shortened session.

We have undertaken a large amount of risk assessments to minimise any risk within Forest School activities to an acceptable level. However, every session begins with a reminder of key rules to ensure that everybody enjoys their time at Forest School.

Many thanks

**Mr. Mills**  
**Head Teacher**

Please retain this part of the letter for information (see other side)



To be returned on or by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Forest School Essential Pupil Information



<b>Child's Name:</b>	<b>Class:</b>
<b><u>Medical Information</u></b>	
I confirm that the medical information I have supplied to the school is fully up to date	<b>Please indicate YES / NO</b>
<b><u>Insect Stings:</u> As an additional precaution, we are required to ask you in more detail about allergies and insect stings</b>	
Has your child ever been stung by a wasp / bee?      Do they have any allergies?	<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>If you indicated YES in this box, please give further details:</b>	
<b><u>Allergies/Dietary Requirements</u></b>	
Please stipulate any dietary requirements (e.g. gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian):	
<b><u>Data Protection</u></b>	
All information provided is covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 and is strictly confidential. I understand and agree to the above being held by Swindon Village Primary School	

I have clearly indicated to the above permissions relating to (child's name) _____ as their principle carer / parent	<b>Name of Parent/carers</b>	
	<b>Signed</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	