



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

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I am excited to inform you that we will be introducing Forest School to SJF Primary School this term. Forest School gives children the unique opportunity of learning in an outdoor 'woodland' environment which we are lucky enough to be able to provide within our school grounds.

## What is Forest School?

Forest school is an opportunity for your child to experience nature and the outdoor environment in a safe, secure and hands on way. Forest School allows children to explore, play and problem solve using a range of activities with the aim of building their sense of independence, self-esteem and teamwork abilities. The children are taught about nature and how to respect all living things. In our Forest School sessions children will learn how to use tools and we will have a camp fire in some sessions.

## When will sessions run?

Forest School sessions will run on a Wednesday Morning over a 12 week period. Your child will come to school in their Forest School clothes on this day.

I am looking forward to starting this exciting adventure with your child. Please see the 'What to Wear' on the next page.

Please complete and return the attached consent form ASAP.

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Yours sincerely

Mrs Keto-Edwards and Mrs Baldwin  
Forest School Leads



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## Forest School Consent Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parental Declaration

I agree to my child participating in Forest School activities including tool use and camp fires. I understand the need for my child to behave in a responsible manner in order to take part in such activities.

Please ensure your child comes to every session with the appropriate clothing and footwear.

I agree to my child having appropriate medical care in the event of an accident.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### What to Wear

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing!"

- Layers! THE best way to keep warm. (We can always remove a layer but once cold, it can be hard to warm up)
- Long trousers
- Long Sleeved Top
- Waterproof Jacket/trousers - when wet
- Waterproof boots - Wellies are essential!