

November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Forest School SEND Intervention – starting Friday 7th November

We are excited to announce that Forest School Intervention groups will be starting up again tomorrow, **Friday 7th November**, and that your child will be taking part in the sessions as part of their school day.

The sessions are being run by Jim Pritchard from 'Budding Explorers'. Jim is a fully qualified Forest School Practitioner and has been running Forest School sessions in local schools for several years.

Forest School is a way of educating children in an outdoor environment allowing those who attend to reach their full potential. The Budding Explorer ethos allows children to take ownership of their learning by responding to the natural environment as part of a long-term programme of self-led activities. By allowing free reign in a managed space, children will have the opportunity to enjoy their own personal journey towards building confidence, being creative and improving their self-worth by taking risks and challenging themselves in areas in which they have an interest.

Sessions will draw on individual and group relationships to harbour positive attitudes towards each other and the natural world. By trusting and allowing free flow, as well as reflecting on achievements and successes, Forest School allows individuals to learn who they are, thus enabling them to be confident, happy role models of the future.

The Forest School sessions will go ahead whatever the weather. We request that every Friday you send your child in with a change of old, warm clothes as the children are encouraged to explore and may well get their clothes dirty. They will also need to be suitably dressed for all weathers so waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies will be needed.

Please see the website www.forestschoolassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/ for further info.

Yours sincerely

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