



CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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Article 28: Children have a right to a primary education.



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Forest School Sessions

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to inform you that we will be starting Forest School sessions in Koalas from October.



Forest School will take place at Canford Heath Infant School (our neighbouring school) on their school grounds. It will offer the children the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to our environment and themselves. The approaches used for learning will complement other types of outdoor learning and opportunities for play. Forest School promotes engagement in the natural environment, using learner-centred processes to foster resilience, confidence, independence and creativity. Through this holistic approach, children develop their physical, social, emotional, moral, spiritual and intellectual understanding, and this equips them to be effective learners and citizens. Forest School sessions will be run by a qualified Forest School practitioner and supported by staff from Koalas.

Our Forest School sessions will take place usually fortnightly on a **Friday**. The dates for the Autumn term are as follows:

Friday 2nd October
Friday 16th October
Friday 6th November
Friday 20th November
Friday 4th December

On these dates, please can the children bring in a named pair of wellies (or walking boots), long comfortable trousers, e.g. jogging bottoms or leggings, a t-shirt/top (preferably long-sleeved), and a sweatshirt/hoodie. The children should also bring a warm coat with a hood to protect against cold and rain. If your child has waterproof trousers then they would benefit from having these but this is optional. Please ensure that all of the clothing is clearly labelled. Old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty or wet would be best. We will go outside whatever the weather!



Please be aware that ticks are always possible when being out and about, including on grassland areas, so please regularly check your child for ticks. If we suspect your child has a tick, we will call you so that you can come and remove the tick or pick up your child to go home and remove it before bringing them back to school.

We would like to ensure that every child has the opportunity to fully take part in Forest School. To do so, we will be building up a collection of second-hand wellies to be borrowed when needed and would be very grateful for any donations of any spare pairs that you may have at home.

Yours faithfully

L. L. Ruddock

Mrs Ruddock
SLCN Base Manager



Canford Heath Infant School

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