



# THE HOWARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Dear families

We are delighted that we can continue our Forest School provision in our beautiful grounds. This is all down to the hard work and dedication of our families, who have made our Forest School Dreams a reality. Now that we have our amazing provision, we can now timetable the children to experience Forest School regularly.

## Forest School

Exploring the natural environment to promote confidence and self esteem

## What is Forest School?

Forest School is an innovative educational approach to outdoor play and learning. The philosophy of Forest School is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences.

## What happens at Forest School?

Children will take part in a programme of sessions, which are theme led but are flexible to accommodate child led learning.

Children are encouraged to take care of themselves and their peers, and are given responsibility, such as supervised use of tools and possibly fire lighting. We go out in all weathers making sure that children are suitably dressed and that conditions are safe. All activities are thoroughly risk assessed, staff encourage safe risk taking.

## Benefits for your children

- Group cohesion and a sense of community
- Understanding own and others' needs, developing empathy
- Lots of new skills
- Understanding of healthy choices
- Heightened self awareness and behaviour modification
- Understanding how to stay safe
- Knowledge of the natural environment
- Loads of fun

“there is no bad weather only inappropriate clothing”



company registration number: 9616362

**Our Motto: Believe and Achieve**

**Our Values: Love - Respect - Friendship**

## Clothing for Forest School

- A spare pair of socks
- wellington boots/walking boots (these can stay in school on our welly rack)
- Waterproof coat and trousers or all in one
- Fleece, scarf, hats and gloves for the colder seasons
- warm clothing suitable for the weather
- long trousers and long sleeves
- hair tied back

*\*We ask that children do not wear jeans as they are extremely slow to dry when wet from play. Please also avoid sending children in shorts or tank tops.*

## **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS SENT TO FOREST SCHOOL**

### Timetable for the Autumn Term 2022

Class	Year Group	Dates
Class 1	Reception	Alternate Mondays 3/10, 17/10, 7/11, 21/11, 5/12
Class 1	Year 1	Alternate Mondays 10/10, 24/10, 14/11, 28/11, 12/12
Class 2	Year 2, 3 & 4	Fridays on the following days 14/10, 21/10, 4/11, 11/11, 25/11, 2/12
Class 3	Year 5	Every Thursday for Autumn 1- Sept-Oct until
Class 3	Year 6	Every Thursday for Autumn 2- end of Oct- Dec until Thursday 8th December.

Thank you for your support with Forest School and outdoor learning. We are really proud of our environment and the outdoor provision that we can provide.

Kind regards  
*Rachel Mills*  
Headteacher