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Dear Parent/Carer

Forest School – pastoral sessions

As mentioned in my previous letter (dated 14th Sept 2020) Yr6 will be receiving Forest School sessions on some Thursdays this term. I am also running a session for a smaller group of Yr6 from 11am-12pm and your child has been selected for these extra sessions.

 For this term your child **needs to come into school wearing Forest School clothes EVERY WEEK!!!**

What is a pastoral Forest School session?

 We have decided to run a pastoral group for those pupils who are finding it a struggle settling back into school life and term time routine. There are numerous reasons why pupils show changes in behaviour and I will be aiming to give pupils a different focus each week for an hour in order to help them overcome any anxieties or frustrations. Their one-hour session will have different activities and challenges to the whole class sessions, so pupils should get a chance to try exciting campcraft and woodland based challenges.

What will pupils be doing?

 Forest School takes place outdoors whatever the weather!! **Clothing suitable for the weather is essential for every session.** Please check the weather forecast so your child is dressed appropriately. As pupils are having normal lessons in the morning they may want to wear trainers in to school and have appropriate footwear and outer wear (warm, waterproof top layers) in a carrier bag. Please note that every other week they will have normal afternoon lessons as well so will need to ensure they can re-enter the classroom and not be muddy or wet (depending on weather spare items of clothing will be a good idea!)

 Due to a small group of 12 we will be able to socially distance much more easily which means I will be able to give more of a focus on campcraft; fire lighting and campfires, as well as willow weaving etc.

If you are happy for your child to take part in Forest School please ensure you tick the consent box on SCOPAY. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully

Ms Wildman

