



*Broadclyst Community Primary School
A Cornerstone Digital Academy*

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Re: Forest School – Year 3 (Thursdays)

Dear Parent,

Your child has been chosen to take part in 'Forest School' (www.forestschoools.com) this term. This is part of the curriculum for Year 3 pupils and all will have a chance to be involved over the course of the year. Mr Lawson will be leading the sessions.

Every Thursday your child will need to bring a set of outdoor clothes, including long trousers, long sleeved jumper, waterproof coat and trousers (if possible) and wellies or walking shoes. These sessions will be run on site in the orchard and within school hours.

The philosophy of Forest School is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment each participant has an opportunity to develop self-motivation and their emotional and social skills. These, through self-awareness, can be developed to reach personal potential.

Forest Schools have demonstrated success with children of all ages who visit the same local woodlands on a regular basis who through play and outdoor skills acquisition, have the opportunity to learn about the environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others.

Please see the accompanying Parents' Handbook for more information. Given the nature of Forest School it carries some additional risk so please can you complete and return the attached consent form.

The first session will be Thursday 10th May and the sessions will run each week until Thursday 21st June.

If you have any queries please contact Mr Harrison mharrison@bcps.org.uk or Miss Schoter bschoter@bcps.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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