



Bengeworth CE Academy

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Dear Parents

We emailed you in September 2018 with the Forest School letter below. Your child will be attending Forest school each week for the **Spring 2 half term**, from February to April - please see dates overleaf.

There are some changes to our Outdoor Learning and Forest School which are aimed at making your children's sessions more productive, so I would ask that you take the time to read the following carefully.

Children are asked to either come into school in their Forest School kit or to bring a change of clothes for their session depending on when their session is. Each class will have weekly sessions for half a term, twice throughout the year. At the end of this letter is a timetable of the sessions for the whole year.

Morning sessions (AM)

If your child has a Forest School session in the morning, please bring them into school **dressed in their Forest School clothes as detailed below**. This enables them to go outside and start their learning straight away. Please send your child's named school uniform into school for them to change into at the end of the session, and remember shoes!

Afternoon sessions (PM)

If your child has a Forest School session in the afternoon, please send them into school in their school uniform and bring in kit as shown below for them to change into at school.

Forest school kit

Health and safety is a huge part of our Forest School sessions. As such we encourage children to think carefully about how they can keep themselves safe and avoid potentially dangerous situations, including the appropriateness of their clothing. Wearing the advised clothing will help reduce the risks involved in outdoor learning. Restrictions may be placed on which activities the children may access, depending on their clothing and footwear. For example, if the weather is dry, trainers rather than wellies may be worn if preferred, but this will restrict access to the areas such as the mud kitchen, mud pit and vegetable gardens.

In <u>ALL</u> weather:	In <u>wet/cold</u> weather:	In <u>hot</u> weather:
Long trousers (not shorts) Tops that cover shoulders/arms Socks Wellies/trainers	As for all weather plus: Waterproof coat (warm in winter) Waterproof trousers Gloves and hat (no scarves) Wellies/trainers	As for all weather plus: Suncream (applied in the morning not brought into school) Sunhat Sunglasses if required Wellies/trainers

Although we aim to go outside every session, Forest School sessions are weather dependent. Please check forecasts to ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. As the children may get messy or wet, please can they only wear **old clothes**.



Session dates

Session dates for your child's class for the year are shown below. Please make a note of these dates so that your child can be properly dressed and ready for their outdoor learning.

	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Monday AM	R Avon	R Severn	R Teme
Monday PM	1 Avon	1 Severn	1 Teme
Tuesday AM	5 Avon	5 Severn	5 Teme
Tuesday PM	2 Avon	2 Severn	2 Teme
Wednesday AM	4 Avon	4 Severn	4 Teme
Wednesday PM	3 Avon	3 Severn	3 Teme

Medical information

If your child has any medical conditions or allergies that the school are not aware of, please arrange for the appropriate forms to be completed at the school office as soon as possible (before your child's forest school sessions start).

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children make the most of their outdoor learning and Forest School sessions.

Yours sincerely

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