



HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers of Class 4

Next term the children in Class 4 are to take part in a programme of Forest School on the following dates:

- Friday 8th November
- Friday 15th November
- Friday 22nd November
- Friday 29th November
- Friday 13th December
- Friday 20th December

The dates in December will be for the morning. Friday 6th December is Decoration Day so children will be making a range of decorations in school on that day.

We will be using the school site and the site at Ross Woods, a less than ten minute drive away from the school, off New Road, Herne. The site is a scout camp site and has some amazing activity opportunities in addition to the woodland. There is parking available and we are able to use the toilet facilities. The site now has numerous hand washing facilities with hot water and hand sanitising stations and the children will wash their hands before getting onto the minibuses and when they disembark.

These days offer children the opportunities to achieve and develop through self-led, hands on learning experiences in a local woodland. The sessions are structured but flexible. Children are encouraged to learn at their own pace, including time for free play within set boundaries, which is recognised as a valuable learning process. Activities can be repeated in subsequent sessions, allowing participants to be involved at a time appropriate to their individual learning.

Temporary shelter is used in case of bad weather, and there is usually a fire which is supervised. All activities and the site are Risk Assessed and there will be safety talks to establish ground rules.

The children will be outdoors for each session, so we advise that they wear/bring the following and are prepared for all weather conditions.

Recommended things to wear in the woods

- Long trousers (to avoid scratches)
- Long sleeves (to avoid scratches)
- Sturdy footwear – boots or wellies are best
- Coat, hat, scarf, gloves (cold weather)
- Plenty of layers of clothing or thermals (cold weather)

Recommended things to bring

- Waterproofs (we can provide these if necessary)
- Packed lunch, drinks
- Insect repellent (if required)





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We provide drinking water and activities may include making a hot chocolate drink and cooking (e.g. popcorn, marshmallows, chestnuts, potatoes, sausages) over the fire.

There will be a variety of practical activities and games and children may be using tools, such as loppers, bowsaws and peelers under close supervision from Forest School staff. Use of tools depends on the students' age and ability levels, which is assessed by Forest School staff.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink and come suitably dressed for all weathers.

If you would like to order a school packed lunch, please indicate this on your permission form. The normal meal pricing applies.

The children will be travelling by minibus and normal school hours will apply.

If you are happy for your child to participate in these days please complete the consent form by clicking on the link below and submitting your reply by **Friday 18th October.**

[Forest School Consent Form](#)

Thank you

Mrs Phillipson