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Langham Village School Forest Schools Sessions

Tuesday afternoons from 18th April – 23rd May 2023

Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

Your child has been chosen to take part in a block of Forest School sessions. The sessions will be run by a qualified Forest Schools instructor; Janet Lavender and she will be supported by Sharon Price.

Forest School is the name for an approach to educating children in the outdoors environment on a regular basis. Work will support the main curriculum (particularly literacy, science, maths and the arts) and will have a strong emphasis on raising all children's self-esteem and independence.

We will be focusing on exploring the Forest School Principles of being:

- equal, unique and valuable
- competent to explore & discover
- entitled to experience appropriate risk and challenge
- entitled to choose, and to initiate and drive their own learning and development
- entitled to experience regular success
- entitled to develop positive relationships with themselves and other people
- entitled to develop a strong, positive relationship with their natural world Specific emphasis on growth mind-set, overcoming perceived failure, understanding others and resilience.

An integral part of the Forest Schools experience is that children will experience the outdoors in all weathers. With the exception of very high winds and thunder storms, please assume that your child will be outside when they take part in Forest Schools, even if it is for a shortened session. To help achieve this, we will endeavour to provide all children taking part in sessions with a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers. If they have their own then please provide them for the sessions. We ask you to supply Wellington or walking boots and suitable clothing for the weather conditions, legs and arms to be covered please. They can bring these clothes in a bag to change into. Please bear in mind your child is likely to get muddy!

If you have any questions please ask.

Thank you for your support

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Langham Forest Schools Permission Form

Name of Child _____ Year group R 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle)

- I agree to my child taking part in Forest School activities at regular intervals during the coming academic year. Sessions will be led by a qualified Forest School Leader.
- I understand that my child will, at an appropriate level, have opportunities to work with hand tools and small fires through the course of their work.
- I understand that my child will work in groups containing adult-child ratios of at least 1:8 at all times.
- I agree to my child being photographed during Forest School activities for my child's or the school's own use.
- I agree to provide my child with the appropriate clothing for the weather conditions and understand that they will get dirty.

Medical Information

I confirm that the medical information I have supplied to the school is up-to date.

Signed _____ Parent/ Carer

Name of Parent/Carer (print) _____

Date.....