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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3

FOREST SCHOOL PROGRAMME AT FORTY HILL SCHOOL

We are delighted to inform you that as part of our Forty Hill Enrichment Programme, we have extended our Forest Schools Provision for each of the National Curriculum Year Groups (Year 1 to Year 6). 'Forest School' is an opportunity for your child to experience nature and learning outdoors in a safe, secure and 'hands-on' way. Your child will have the opportunity to lead their own learning, yet will be instructed and supervised by professionals throughout. Forest Schools importantly helps to boost self-esteem and mental wellbeing, build a sense of independence and promotes team work.

Year 3 will be taking part in Forest School sessions every Tuesday afternoon on the following five dates next half term:

Tuesday 25th February

Tuesday 3rd March

Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday 17th March

Tuesday 24th March - parents are welcome to attend from 2.00-3.00pm to see what the children have been learning.

The sessions will be led and overseen by a qualified teacher and Level 3 Forest School leader, Mrs Lucy Turner along with Mr Mitchell and Nicola Monk, who are also trained as Forest School leaders.

Your child will need to bring their 'outdoor learning kit', including waterproof trousers and long tops on this day and bring their outdoor footwear (we suggest wellington boots) separately in a labelled carrier bag. They will be changing at lunchtime and will be expected to wear full school uniform in the morning. We will be using our own grounds here at Forty Hill, including woodland and field areas, as well as the large meadow, whatever the weather. If your child is not wearing appropriate clothing, they may not be allowed to participate in the sessions.

Your child will participate in a range of activities linked to the relevant age-appropriate curriculum, which may include:

- Den building and fire lighting
- Tool use
- Flora/fauna identification and foraging
- Storytelling and imaginative outdoor play
- Climbing trees and team building games

Please be assured that all activities are subject to rigorous risk assessment procedures. However, if you do not wish for your child to participate in this aspect of the curriculum, please email the office informing us.

Kind regards
Mr Josh Newham
Headteacher