



21 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to announce that our new Outdoor Learning sessions will be starting for all children on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The sessions will take place throughout the whole school year and will be led by Mr Stokes and Fiona Dunn on a Wednesday morning. Our aim is to inspire our young children through positive outdoor experiences.

Throughout these sessions children will be given the opportunity to take part in a range of activities that encourage them to appreciate the natural environment in **various different locations** e.g. school grounds, woodlands, moorlands, village etc. Through practical tasks children will be taught how to handle risks, work collaboratively, problem-solve and use their own initiative. These sessions will include foraging, den building, learning about fire lighting and safety, use of basic tools for whittling and the development of their own independence in learning within a safe and managed environment. These sessions will be used to support classroom-based teaching themes, allowing children to develop and test concepts and their own understanding through an experimental approach to learning.

**Your child will need:**

- Wellies or other suitable sturdy footwear
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers if they have them & when needed
- Hat, scarf and gloves when needed
- Change of clothes to be left on peg

Please return the consent form attached by **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** to ensure your child can participate in this exciting opportunity. **Please be aware that the attached consent form will also include consent for all offsite locations.** If you have any further questions please do come and speak to Mr Stokes or Fiona.

Yours sincerely,

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As there may be opportunities to make hot drinks, go foraging or cook some food during these sessions, please clarify for our records, any possible allergies or medical requirements by completing the questions below.

**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

My child is/is not allergic to specific **food or drink**. (Please provide details if necessary).

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As we may also encounter other allergens, such as **insect bites or stings**, please answer the following questions:

- My child has never been stung by a wasp or bee
- My child has been stung and has not had a reaction
- My child is allergic to bee or wasp stings

If you have ticked yes to a bite/sting allergy please indicate any precautions you take or any extra information we may need

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My child has/does not have **asthma**

Please list any known environmental triggers that affects your child's asthma or breathing.

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If there are any other medical requirements you know your child has that may be affected by being outdoors please detail these:

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**I confirm that the information provided is correct and agree that the named child can participate in the school's Outdoor Learning programme.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_