

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School



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*Ensuring for all an excellent child-centred education within a Christ-centred philosophy*

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Dear Parent / Carer

## **Forest School Years 4 and 5**

I am delighted to be able to give you further details about the weekly Forest School sessions which we will be running in school from January 2019.

Your child will be participating in a 45-minute Forest School session in the school grounds, run by a qualified and experienced specialist teacher, with the support of the class teacher. The sessions will run each Thursday morning, regardless of the temperature or weather and will involve the children in a variety of activities, including physical activity, problem solving, teamwork and learning about the seasons and the environment. They will also have the opportunity to be creative and use natural materials to inspire their art and design work.

**It is essential that your child is properly dressed for Forest School** so s/he keeps warm and dry during the lesson. Please ensure that your child brings the following items to school every Thursday morning next term:

- extra layers (under or over school clothes)
- gloves, hat and scarf
- track suit bottoms or leggings for girls (to replace school skirt during the session)
- warm waterproof coat
- Wellington boots or sturdy waterproof shoes
- waterproof trousers (advisable)
- plastic bag to put any wet gear into at the end of the session.

As with all physical and outdoor activities at school, children will be expected to participate in forest school activities unless we have a written medical reason from a parent or carer explaining why the child cannot take part that week.

If you have any old Wellies or waterproof clothes, which you could donate to the school as spare, we would be very grateful for them.

Best Wishes

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