



St Thomas More

Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that Year 4 will start Forest School after Christmas. They will commence on Monday, 8th January, 2024 (see dates below). Group 1 in the morning and Group 2 in the afternoon. If your child is in Group 1 they should come to school in their Forest School clothes and have a bag containing their uniform for them to change into for the afternoon. If they are in Group 2 children should come to school in school uniform and have a bag containing their Forest School clothes which they will change into for the afternoon.

As you will know, 'Forest School' provides weekly opportunities for our pupils to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in our fantastic woodland area. It perfectly complements our whole school focus on 'learning powers', allowing the children to take supported risks and become resilient, independent and creative learners.

In order to make this happen we are asking for a **donation of £5** to cover the cost of refreshments, camp-fire cooking ingredients and craft materials. This needs to be paid via MCAS App and it can be found under **Clubs** on the left-hand side.

On the day of their Forest School session, children should come into school in their Forest School clothes.

Your child will need:

- Wellingtons or walking boots (Old trainers let in water and are not suitable)
- Sensible, long-sleeved layers of clothing to protect arms.
- Coat
- Gloves and hat (if the weather turns cold)
- Thick socks.
- Waterproof trousers and jacket (to go over their coat). No shorts as legs need protection.
- Carrier bag for wet & muddy clothing
- Long hair should be tied back in a pony tail



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Please make sure that all Forest School clothing is clearly named.

Waterproof trousers and jacket can be purchased cheaply online, such as this set from Amazon for £11.95. It is usually worth buying a size larger to fit warm clothes underneath.

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Search for: Kids Waterproof Jacket & Trousers Suit Set

We look forward to welcoming your child to Forest School.

Please note the dates are

Monday, 8th January, Monday, 15th January, Monday 22nd January, Monday 29th January, Monday, 5th February and Monday 12th February 2024.

Kind Regards,

School Office