

Chiltern Forest School Weather and Clothing Policy

Forest School will continue in most types of weather with the exception of high winds (20 mph +), lightening or severe cold. The Forest School Leader will decide (after discussion with the Head Teacher) prior to the session if it is safe to proceed.

If the weather conditions adversely change during the session the situation will be monitored and in the event of high wind the session will be relocated to the school playing field or other area. In the event of lightening the children will return to school.

At Forest School there is no such thing as bad weather providing everyone is appropriately dressed. Sessions will continue in most weather conditions. Children will need to wear layers of old/inexpensive clothes and suitable footwear. A guide is detailed below:

Waterproof Coat

Waterproof over-trousers – very useful all year round as we sit on tree stumps, dig and crawl around. They also keep the clothes underneath clean.

Layers of clothing – the number of layers depends on the season/weather (vest, long sleeve t-shirt, jumper or hoody, coat, waterproof). Children should wear the same number of layers on their bottom half as they do on their top half (ie thermals, joggers, waterproof over-trousers)

NB. Children are expected to wear a long sleeve top and long trousers even in summer (to protect them from prickly plants, nettle and biting/stinging insects)

Walking boots, wellies (Sturdy trainers for dry/summer months) – in colder weather children will need at least 2 pairs of socks so wellies will need to be big enough to accommodate these.

Sun cream and sun hats for sunny days.

We have a Duty of Care for your child and we will not be able to take children to Forest School if they are inadequately dressed.
