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Dear Parents,

From next Friday, 17th September, Oak class will be having forest school sessions every Friday afternoon. The majority of these will take place up in Ruscombe Woods, however some may include gardening on the school site or exploring down at the playing field. The children will need to wear their PE kit in to school each Friday – this has to be the jogging bottoms and hoody as legs and arms need to be covered for safety and to avoid tick bites. If it is a boiling hot day, the children can wear a long-sleeved t-shirt (as plain as possible please!) of their own. Jogging bottoms and hoodie do not have to have the logo on, but should be black.

Each week, please also send your child in to school with a labelled bag which has their wellies/walking boots, waterproof coat and waterproof trousers if you have them as well please. In the colder months, they will need waterproof gloves and a winter hat as well. You may also want to send them in with layers underneath their PE kit later in the year and thicker socks. Bear in mind their clothes will no doubt get very muddy! Please also make sure that their water bottle is in school with them daily so that they have it with them on Friday to take up to the forest.

Each week, they will walk up to the woods from school between 1 and 1.15pm. The children make their way round through Ruscombe and up in to Ruscombe woods where we have an area set aside for forest school. They will return in time for the end of the school day at 3.10pm. We may require volunteers but not at present as we are trying to keep this to a minimum in school where possible this term.

The medical information that you have given us regarding your child will apply whilst they are at forest school. All medication e.g. inhalers will be taken with them up to the woods. However, there are some pieces of information which are useful in a forest school situation so please could you fill in the following information about your child – use the back of the slip if you need more space:

Has your child ever been stung by a bee or wasp?	
Has your child received a tetanus vaccination in the last five years?	
Does your child have any allergies or has had a reaction in the past to any plants, materials, pollen etc?	
Is your child allergic to any medicines?	

Please sign below to show that you have read the above information and you understand and consent for your child to attend forest school every Friday this year during term-time, starting on Friday 17th September.

Child's name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent name: _____

Heather Francis
Headteacher