QUEENSWAY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents.

We are excited to be working with Sarah Bytyci of Forest Bees to be able to provide Forest School sessions on the school grounds. This is an exciting opportunity as Forest School has been shown to offer a huge number of benefits to children's development. The attached document will give you some more information about forest school.

When: Sessions will be on a Friday, beginning on Friday 23rd February.

| Fridays | 9-10:30am (Reception) | 10:30-12 (other year groups) | 1-2:30pm (Year 1) |
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| Term 1 | KG | 3EH | LL/SB |
| Term 2 | ST/AP | 3EW | MD |
| Term 3 | KG | 2FL | LL/SB |
| Term 4 | ST/AP | 2MJ | MD |
| Term 5 | KG (9-10am) | Nursery (10-11) | LL/SB |
| Term 6 | Nursery (9-10am) | ST/AP (10-11) | MD |

Clothing: Children will need to bring clothing which is suitable for the weather. The children will be outside for an extended period of time so more layers means they will be more comfortable. Please see the table below for a guide to suitable clothing, this is just a guide, you know your own children and the weather can be unpredictable.

Please note that if your child is in Reception, they may come to school wearing their forest school outfit ready to go straight into their session at 9.00am. They will need to bring their school uniform in a bag to get changed into afterwards.

The school will provide waterproof trousers and jackets.

| | Snow/Very cold | Cold | Mild | Sunny/Very hot | Rain |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | (Nov - Feb) | (Sept - Oct, March - May) | (April - Sept) | (May - Sept) | (All year!) |
| Base layer | Thermal top and bottom | Thermal top and bottom | None | None | Depending on temperature |
| Top layer | Long sleeved t- shirt/jumper Joggers/leggings - not jeans | Long sleeved t- shirt/jumper Joggers/leggings - not jeans | Lightweight long sleeved t- shirt/jumper Joggers/leggings - not jeans or shorts | Lightweight long sleeved t- shirt/jumper Joggers/leggings - not jeans or shorts | Long sleeved t- shirt/jumper Joggers/leggings - not jeans or shorts |
| Additional Layer | Additional jumper/cardigan/flee ce Warm winter coat | Additional jumper/cardigan Winter coat | Additional jumper/cardigan fleece just in case! | None | Depending on temperature |
| Footwear | Wellies or snow shoes | Wellies | Wellies or trainers NOT sandals or Crocs | Wellies or trainers NOT sandals or Crocs | Wellies |

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| Additional Items | Thin socks Warm welly socks Hat Gloves Scarf | Thin socks Warm welly socks Hat Gloves Scarf | Sun hat Sun cream | Sun hat Sun cream | Thin socks Warm welly socks Hat Gloves Scarf |

Other information: The children will be supervised by Sarah Bytyci who is a qualified teacher and Level 3 Forest School leader and at least two other members of Queensway staff. Relevant medical information will be shared with Sarah to ensure the highest level of safety and well-being of all the children. This information will be treated confidentially in accordance with school policy.

If you have any further questions please contact your child's class teacher or Sarah directly sarah@ForestBees.co.uk

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman Head Teacher