



SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Federation of Abbey Infant and Junior School

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Year 1 Forest School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that children in Year 1 will be continuing their visits to Forest School. In the first instance, Forest School will play an important role in supporting your child's transition from Early Years into Year 1. This will give them the opportunity to learn and explore in familiar surroundings, helping to make the move into Key Stage 1 as smooth and as positive as possible.

As the year progresses, these sessions will provide an excellent opportunity for children to continue to develop their confidence, independence, social and physical skills, while enjoying valuable outdoor learning experiences.

Classes will attend Forest School on a rota basis every three weeks throughout the year. Below you will find the timetable for Autumn Term 1.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
IP (Mrs Phillips)	18.9.26
IC (Miss Cowley)	25.9.26
IR (Miss Postings)	2.10.26
IP (Mrs Phillips)	9.10.26
IC (Miss Cowley)	16.10.26
NO FOREST SCHOOL	23.10.26

<https://abbeyfederation.ovw5.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Forest+School+FAQ&pid=400>

<https://www.abbeyfederation.co.uk/topic/class-pages/forest-school/important-information-for-parents>

If you require any further information about Forest School please speak to your child's teacher.

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Forest School Clothing

A part of the ethos of Forest School “there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing”. With comfortable and appropriate clothing, all children can enjoy the Forest School experience in all weathers.

It is recommended that all children wear the following kit for the days they take part in Forest School. Please send your child to school wearing their Forest School Clothing.

Boots – we find that a good pair of walking boots are much better than Wellington boots. Plastic wellies offer very poor insulation and children’s feet quickly get cold. If they must wear wellies, then several pairs of socks are essential. **Please ensure they have other shoes to change into when they have finished their session.**

Long trousers – both in summer and winter, to keep warm and to protect from scratches, bites and sunburn.

Long sleeved top – both in summer and winter, to keep warm and to protect from scratches, bites and sunburn.

Hat (for sun or warmth depending on the season) and gloves.

Layers of clothing appropriate to the temperature and the season – in winter the children will need at least three layers to keep warm. It is best to avoid cotton next to the skin as it absorbs water. It is always better to be hot and take layers off, then to be cold with nothing to put on!

These should be old clothes or clothes that parents/carers do not mind getting dirty.

Please send in a pair of shoes for your child to change into after Forest School, along with a named carrier bag for their dirty wellies/boots. You will also need to send in your child’s uniform in a named bag, so they can change should their Forest School clothes become dirty/wet.

School will provide waterproof trousers and waterproof coats where needed.

Thank you for your support.

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