



SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Federation of Abbey Infant and Junior School

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Abbey Forest School

Dear Parents/Carers

During this academic year, Abbey Infant School will be offering the provision of Forest School to enhance your child's learning experience. Forest School aims to engage children and young people with the natural environment. Activities have a strong emphasis on raising self-esteem, confidence and independence. An integral element of the sessions is that children will experience the outdoors, in all weathers, during their block of time.

RB- Friday 18th September- 16th October (5 weeks)

RS- Friday 13th November- 11th December (5 weeks)

RH – dates to be confirmed for the Spring Term

Your child will be unable to take part without your consent.

Forest School supports children to care for themselves, for each other and for their natural environment. They may have the opportunity to use hand tools such as bill hooks and fixed blade knives, where they will work 1:1 or in a small group with a trained member of staff. We will also be learning about fires and their uses. We have very robust safety mechanisms in place to ensure that the safety of your child is paramount. Forest School adult to child ratios are higher than normal to ensure adequate supervision and all relevant risk assessments and health and safety procedures are in place to ensure risks are minimised. All Forest School sessions are led by a qualified teacher with Forest School training.

Here at Abbey, we are really excited about offering this opportunity to our children and we know that the experiences and skills that they learn will support them throughout their lives. Forest School is part of your child's curriculum, so if your child is not able to take part in a session for any reason then they will require a note from home.

You will be required to give consent for this via ParentPay. BEFORE GIVING CONSENT, PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE LINK BELOW

<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.

Thank you for your support.

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