

To the parents/carer of _____,

RE: Forest School Sessions

At George Eliot we will be starting 'Forest School' sessions from next week with small groups of children. Forest School is an innovative educational approach to play and outdoor learning in a woodland environment.

We will be working in conjunction with Robinsfield Infant School where there is a Forest School site on the school grounds. Children will take part in a variety of outdoor activities such as collecting natural objects, painting and printing with mud, storytelling, making dens, building fires, investigating mini-beasts and exploring the sights and sounds of the outdoors. The sessions will take place during the school day and will not interrupt children's learning experiences in Reception.

To ensure all children get the most out of this experience we have put children into 6 small groups. Each half term a different group of children will get to take part in the Forest School sessions for 5 weeks. The group your child is in is highlighted below:

	Autumn 2 Every Wednesday from 15 th November – 13 th December	Spring 1 Every Wednesday from 10 th January – 7 th February	Spring 2 Every Wednesday from 21 st February – 21 st March
Morning session	Group A	Group C	Group E
Afternoon session	Group B	Group D	Group F

To take part in the Forest School sessions your child will need to bring the following items to school to change into:

- Trousers – tracksuit bottoms, jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers
- Long sleeve top
- Jumper or a jacket
- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots

There will be a parent workshop on **Thursday 23rd November** to find out more about Forest School sessions.

Please complete the consent form below and return it to your child's class teacher. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Terri (Reception T class teacher) or myself.

Kindest regards,

Zara Shuttleworth
Early Years Lead

I/we give permission for _____ to take part in 5 Forest School sessions on site at Robinsfield Infant school.

Signed _____

