Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know that Forest School sessions for Reception children will be starting after the half term break. Due to the COVID-19 risk assessment the children will be attending in small groups of approximately 14 children. **Your child is in group \_\_\_\_.**

The sessions will take place on the following days in the afternoons:

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| Group A | 11th November |
| Group B | 18th November |
| Group C | 2nd December |
| Group D | 9th December |

The children will be travelling on a privately hired bus directly from school to the friendly forest area at Clapton Park Children’s Centre on Hackney Marshes. They will have lunch at school as normal and be back in time to go home at the usual time. I will write to you again to inform you of the next dates for each group.

Please find attached a photo consent and a medical form. Please complete these as appropriate and return to school as soon as possible. It is important that children wear appropriate clothing for the sessions which all take place outside; they do not need to wear uniform on Forest School days if you prefer. Older and less precious clothing is advisable. Please make sure your child comes to school with:

* A warm coat - we will put a thin waterproof jacket over the top to protect it
* Older trainers or wellies if the weather has been wet. Trainers are better for when it is colder.
* Trousers – jogging bottoms are ideal or waterproof trousers if they have them (not essential).
* A hat and gloves

For more information about the sessions and the benefits of Forest School experiences for your child please see the Hackney Forest School website: hackneyforestschool.co.uk  
Please do contact the office if you have any questions

Thank you for your continued support

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