



Thursday 12th April 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer(s)

Friday Aftercare/Extended Care Structure
Forest Schools

Following the recent changes to our afterschool wraparound care, you may have noticed that Fridays are timetabled for Forest School activities as part of the new structure. These activities will be run by Mrs Bartrop and Mrs Elliott-Bark, who is a qualified Forest Schools Practitioner.



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The aim of Forest Schools is to encourage children to play outside and build skills in self-esteem, team work, independence, etc. Forest School activities take place outside and the children will be encouraged to get dirty rolling down hills, jumping in puddles, climbing trees, etc.

These skills directly link to the Redlands R's that the children are encouraged to use daily in school life.



With this in mind, we request that parents booking aftercare and extended care on Fridays please provide a change of clothes, shoes/wellies and suitable outdoor clothing.

Children attending aftercare and/or extended care on Friday afternoons will be outside every week, with the exception of thunderstorms and severe winds. We therefore want to ensure that the children are comfortable and warm so that they can benefit the most from the activities and can ensure that their return home is free from discomfort.

If you have any queries regarding the activities that the children will be involved in, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards and best wishes

Mrs Michelle Tobin
Headteacher