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Dear parents / carers,

Saltersgate Infant School will be giving children the opportunities to access our outdoor spaces to undertake forest school style learning.

Forest School is play based, child led learning that takes place in the outdoors. It is a way of stimulating a child's innate creativity and providing a learning environment that stimulates and utilises the senses of touch, hearing, sight and smell. It is about connecting with the natural world and learning to manage risk. It is letting the children, naturally, through their play, lead the learning in a woodland setting. We will facilitate learning by providing opportunities for children to explore and discover through open-ended activities in woodland space, scaffolding new understandings as they emerge.

Forest school activities will take place in all weathers, all year round. **There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad kit**

Parents and carers are asked to supply their children with adequate kit for their timetabled Forest School session each week. This will not only allow children to be comfortable but will mean that they will get the most out of the experience.

We kindly ask that the following kit is provided so your child will be comfortable during forest school activities:

- 🚩 Waterproof coat
- 🚩 Long sleeved top
- 🚩 Vest / t shirt
- 🚩 Long trousers (water proof if possible)
- 🚩 Warm, thick socks
- 🚩 Hat
- 🚩 Gloves
- 🚩 Scarf
- 🚩 Waterproof footwear (wellies or walking boots)
- 🚩 Sun hat in summer
- 🚩 Sun cream on sunny days applied

Layers of thinner clothing are better than thick, chunky clothes. Layers can be removed if the weather improves.

Clothes should be old.

Children will get wet, muddy and clothing may get damaged! Therefore, old clothing should be worn.

Each class will have a timetabled slot to use our forest school areas.

Please dress and send your child to school in appropriate Forest School clothing on their timetabled day each week. They do not need to wear school uniform on these days.

In addition, any spare wellies you could donate would be **hugely** appreciated! Please put them into a bag to keep them together and hand to your child's teacher or into the office.

The Mud will
WASH off, BUT
the MEMORIES
will LAST A
LIFETIME.