



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

Year 1 Forest School

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, as part of your child's learning journey at Garlinge, we offer the opportunity for your child to attend some Forest School sessions. We are pleased to share with you that we are once again able to offer this exciting opportunity to all of our children in Year 1. Forest School is based on a Scandinavian concept of embracing the outdoors, giving children and adults a wonderful and rare opportunity to enjoy nature and the outdoors in a safe, secure, and hands-on woodland environment all year round and in all weather.

Year 1 will be attending a 4-week course at the Manor House Forest School Site, based within the grounds of Quex Park. Each class will visit the Forest School for one morning or afternoon each week. They will then complete Forest School activities in school for the remainder of the day. These will be on the same day each week. The dates and days your child will attend are;

Tuesday 16th April: Classes 1A and 1B

Tuesday 23rd April: Classes 1A and 1B

Tuesday 14th May: Classes 1A and 1B

Tuesday 21st May: Classes 1A and 1B

Friday 19th April: Classes 1C and 1D

Friday 26th April: Classes 1C and 1D

Friday 17th May: Classes 1C and 1D

Friday 24th May: Classes 1C and 1D

The cost of the visits will be met in full by the school, and transport will also be provided so that the children will come to and from school at the normal time each day.

Your child will need a packed lunch for this visit. This can either be provided by the school kitchen or alternatively you may wish to provide them with one from home, please indicate on the consent form your preferred choice. Your child will also need to dress appropriately for the sessions, please see the clothing checklist attached.

We would be grateful if you could click the link below to complete the Forest School course consent form by **Friday 15th March**. All our Year 1 children have educational off-site permission forms completed by yourselves, so we do not require you to complete a separate medical permission slip for the trip but if you could confirm that you are happy for the Forest School staff to administer any first aid, it would be much appreciated.

We are all looking forward to this exciting and unique experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Piper
Class 1A

Mr Johnson
Class 1B

Mrs Wasway
Class 1C

Mrs Pointer and Mrs Demetriou
Class 1D