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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 3 Forest Crew

As part of our exciting ongoing initiative in Outdoor Education, building up the school's expertise in outdoor activities, and providing interesting learning opportunities for your child, our Year 3 pupils are taking part in our challenging eQe Forest Crew programme.

This will start on Friday 25th September and will run for a total of 8 sessions, taking place each Friday.

The children will be walking to Chorlton Ees with an eQe Outdoors professional, school staff and helpers, to tackle engaging outdoor activities and challenges.

As the weather can be unpredictable, please read the recommended list of recommended essentials for advice on the appropriate clothing for the sessions, so that your child can take part and fully enjoy the activities. Please ensure that your child brings any necessary medication to these outdoor sessions. E.g. asthma inhalers.

Your child should bring their Forest Crew clothing to school with them each Friday. They will get changed into their kit at the end of lunch time, ready to walk to the woodland in the afternoon.

Please sign and return the consent form (attached) to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

Anna Wilson
(Year 5 teacher in charge of Forest Crew)



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Recommended Essentials

Please make sure you follow these recommendations to help your child to be prepared for the sessions.

Note: Please make sure that all clothing is something that you won't mind getting wet, dirty or snagged!

Waterproofs:

Waterproof jacket (essential), waterproof over-trousers (desired).

Feet:

Walking boots or snow-boots are great, even in summer, but good-fitting wellies with two or three pairs of warm socks are fine, as long as it's not too cold. Old trainers (but not thin-soled pumps) are acceptable if the weather is dry and warm. (No school shoes)

Body and legs:

Under layers: If it's cold, use layers of thermals (if you have them); tight t-shirts; jumpers and fleeces.
Over layers: If it's cold, use warm coats, gloves, scarf, and hat as required.
Children should wear an old pair of long trousers / jeans to protect them from thorns and nettles.
(No school clothing).

Other items:

Your child may bring a rucksack with them with a plastic drinks bottle with water, any spare clothes / waterproofs and medication they will need.



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Forest Crew Consent Form: Start date – Friday 26th September FAO: Anna Wilson

Child's Name: _____

- I recognise that by being outdoors and in a woodland, activities have inherent risks including damage to clothing/belongings and injury, and that snags to clothing and scratches, bumps and bruises to an individual are normal and commonplace.
- Staff, leaders, helpers and facilitators will not be liable, now or in the future, for any loss, expense, damage or claim I might have against them as a result of this child's participation in the programme.
- In the unlikely event of an accident, I consent to this child receiving any necessary medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities.
- I consent that appropriate photographs and other recorded material that may include this child can be used for legitimate purposes such as reports, documents, school online / website and eQe online / website.
- I consent to this child's participation in this programme.

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this completed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.



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