



11th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Curriculum plus – Forestry School

Last year St Edward's Academy developed a brand-new Forestry area within our site. Our aim is for children to enjoy the freedom to explore and experience the natural world, in all seasons and all weathers. It is an ideal environment in which to develop skills, such as innovation, problem solving, risk-taking, creativity and teamwork.

All children in year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in Forestry sessions during their curriculum plus lesson on a half termly rotation.

5Ni & 5Ne will take part on a Tuesday & 5EI will take part on a Thursday. This will commence this week until October half term. After October half term, pupils will then change to ICT for 6 weeks and rotate back.

The safety and the welfare of the pupils participating is of paramount importance and therefore all tasks are age appropriate. Pupils should come to school in their normal uniform for that day. They must also bring some old shoes/Wellingtons, a spare pair of socks, a waterproof coat and clothing to keep them warm in cold weather (please no scarves for health and safety reasons). If possible, they should also bring a pair of waterproof trousers or an all in one to go over the top of their uniform - school does have a limited supply of these which can be lent out on a lesson by lesson basis, these will be required every lesson to protect the pupil's uniform. During warmer weather, pupils will also need sun cream and sun hats.

If your child has had any adverse reactions to stings, bites or contact with natural materials in the past and you have **not** informed the office, could you please contact the office using the contact form on the website before Wednesday 20th September [Contact - St Edwards Church of England Academy](#).

We will be consuming small amounts of food and drink during this time; for example, hot chocolate if it's cold. All known dietary requirements will be taken into consideration, but again if you have not informed the school of any dietary needs, then this also needs to be added to the contact form as well.

We thank you for your support during this exciting time and we can't wait to start our Forestry sessions!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Whitehouse
Arts & Sports Faculty Leader