



Lunsford Primary School

8th September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

Forest School Inspired Learning

There have been a number of positive changes with regards to Forest School this year. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you our vision for Forest School at Lunsford moving forwards.

Forest School at Lunsford began in January 2018 and has grown to become a successful part of our provision. We want to continue with this success in terms of the experience the children receive.

Forest School embraces the outdoors as an inspiring learning environment focusing on the children's learning needs rather than specific outcomes of an activity or task. It is a unique way of building children's confidence and self-esteem, learning new skills and promoting risk awareness through hands on experiences. It allows children to explore and experience the natural world on a regular sustained basis.

In our new plan for Forest School, class teachers will integrate elements of the year group curriculum with their observations of the children's interests to enhance the children's overall learning experience. The incorporation Forest School Inspired Learning into our children's everyday curriculum enables us to strengthen and develop the following skills as we are able to make specific links to other areas of the children's learning in class and enables the children to apply what they have learnt.

- Social development: problem solving, communicating, sharing and team building
- Physical development: fine and gross motor skills and movement
- Speaking and listening skills
- Healthy Lifestyle: being outdoors and active
- Understanding the world: becoming aware of the world around us and taking care of the natural environment
- Respect: children take ownership of their creations and areas they have created

Headteacher Mr G Anscombe BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH

Lunsford Primary School, Swallow Road, Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6PY

Tel: 01732 843352

Website: www.lunsford.kent.sch.uk

E-mail: office@lunsford.kent.sch.uk

With the opening of the new school building in November, we will be taking the opportunity to enhance the Forest School area and are actively working on investigating the sustainability of the site as well as potential growth of our Forest School provision within other areas of the school grounds.

Attached to this letter is an overview of the dates for all class Forest School sessions for the Autumn term. Each class will have one session in term 1 and 2 sessions in term 2. You may have already received these from your child's class teacher.

We are very much looking forward to our Forest School Inspired Learning sessions this year and continuing to explore our natural environment with the children.

Mrs S Davies
SENCO