



**DENVER V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Discover • Value • Celebrate • Praise*  
*Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to introduce you to our Forest School program, where your child will have the opportunity to explore, discover and connect with the natural world. Forest School is an innovative and engaging approach to outdoor education that aims to inspire children to learn and develop through hands-on, experiential activities in nature.

At Forest School, your child will have the chance to work with tools, build shelters, light fires, cook on an open fire, and engage in creative play, all while surrounded by the beauty of nature. The program is designed to help children develop critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork skills, as well as a deeper appreciation for the environment.

Forest School is an approach which transitions learning from the constraints of the classroom to the outdoors, where your child will be guided through a range of activities in a safe and supportive environment. Children are encouraged to take risks and challenge themselves, in order to develop their confidence and independence.

We believe that outdoor learning is an incredibly enriching experience for children, and we are confident that your child will love spending time in nature and developing a lifelong connection to the environment.

Initially, we are going to start with an afternoon for KS1 and EYFS on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February; I am aware that this falls the same time as Year 2 Speed Stacking, however, this will only be the first of many regular sessions, so there is no need to feel that anyone is missing out! If, however, your child is part of Speed Stacking on Friday, they will need to come in school PE uniform. For all other children in KS1 and in EYFS, I would ask that they come for the day in non-uniform. This should be old jeans, boots and clothes suitable for learning outside.

After the holiday, we will be running an after-school Forest School club for children in Class 1 and Class 2. This will start on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and run for one hour each week. Places will be limited, and if there is a lot of interest, we may need to split the children into groups. If you are interested in your child attending the club, you will need to complete the online booking form sent out with this letter.

Once established at KS1, the program in school time will also be rolled out to KS2, giving all children the opportunity to enjoy the enrichment of learning outside.

If you have any questions about our Forest School program, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely  
Mr Ashley Cawley  
Class 2 Teacher

*"I've never seen a rusty person yet!"*

