

11th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer of **DOVES** student

I am pleased to inform you that your child will be doing forest school sessions every Thursday afternoon here at HCLS. The first session will be on **THURSDAY, 7th January 2021**. Miss Mitchell will be in touch regarding a new time for Doves PE.

Please note children are expected to come to school dressed in their Forest School clothing and remain in these clothes for the day. They will not be getting changed in school. They may bring their wellies in to school in a separate carrier bag on the day.

This year we are introducing a new Forest School scheme to the school. It is called Wild Passport and is a useful framework for monitoring skill progression. We will be able to record the progress made by learners as they gain knowledge and practical skills in their outdoor sessions. The skills will include: Fire, Shelter, Rope, Woodcraft and Nature.

It is important to be aware that **ALL sessions will take place outdoors in all weathers including rain**. Please be sure that your child has all of the following with them on the day of their sessions.

- * Casual trousers, long sleeved shirt and jumper that you don't mind getting dirty or stained. *Please note, they may be digging in the soil and making mud pies. Please don't send in new clothing or clothing you would be upset about if it doesn't wash clean.*
- * Welly boots and warm socks.
- * **Waterproof** Jacket/Coat and trousers **OR** an all-in-one puddle jump suit.
- * Gloves and hat.

Thank you
Jo Cookham
Forest School Leader