

1st September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Forest School 2025/26

I am really pleased to inform you that we have a packed year ahead for our Year 7 students in Forest School. We are also very fortunate to have the perfect venue here at Brymore, with our own woods that provide a safe environment on site.

The students will be involved in a number of activities including: getting to know their Forest School base camp area, using tools, building shelters, learning about the environment and many other outdoor learning opportunities. The focus will be on the Forest School ethos, where students will be encouraged to achieve, develop confidence, resilience and self-esteem through hands on learning experiences. These practical tasks are also ideal for developing social skills, teamwork, mentoring and fostering respect amongst the peer group, all skills that are vital for the boys to continue to develop as they begin their journey at Brymore.

In preparation for when we start Forest School in the woods, it is important to ensure your child brings in suitable, named clothing and wellies/walking boots for these sessions. A reminder of what he will need is as follows:

- Long-sleeved t-shirt (very important)
- Long trousers (very important and preferably not jeans)
- TWO pairs of socks
- Fleece/sweatshirt/jumper
- Waterproof coat and trousers (very important in wet weather)
- Overalls (part of the compulsory uniform)
- Wellies/Walking boots (part of the compulsory uniform)
- Hat (woolly/cap/sun hat - depending on the weather!)

If it is hot, please could your child come to school with **suncream** already applied and if he is on any **medication or requires an inhaler**, please could this be sent/brought in and given to Matron in a **labelled container**.

During a Forest School session we aim to stay outside, but it is sometimes weather permitting.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

Jo Franks
Forest School Leader