Dear Parents,

Purley Pre School is developing a Forest School Programme to provide children with new challenges and opportunities for learning through play in a woodland environment. I am in the final stages of my Forest School training and hope to roll out a full programme from September 2019

The Forest School movement originated as a way of building children’s independence and self-esteem. It is an approach well-suited to our pre-school children and supports the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, in particular children’s Personal, Social and Emotional Development, their Physical Development, and Communication and Language skills.

An integral part of Forest School is that the sessions are held regularly and operate all year round regardless of weather conditions, which means children will experience the outdoors in all weather (with the exception of very high winds and thunderstorms). We ask that children arrive dressed for the weather forecast! Children should wear long trousers and long sleeves plus wellington boots or walking shoes (no open toed sandals). When the weather is hot, children will need sun cream and a sun hat; on colder days, warm clothing. Please bear in mind your child could get muddy!

You are welcome to familiarise yourselves with our Forest School handbook which contains full policies, procedures and risk assessments for carrying out Forest School activities.

Please can I ask that you complete the attached consent form giving permission for your child to take part in Forest School activities. Should you have any questions about Forest School please feel free to speak me.

We thank you for your support during this exciting time for your child and Purley Pre School.

Alison Turner

Manager Purley Pre School

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I, being the parent/carer of…………………………………………………………………………………………………………… agree/do not agree for my child to participate in the 6 week Forest School programme commencing 3rd May 2019 at Purley Pre School.

Signed…………………………………………………………………………….Date………………………………………………………..