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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child will be studying a BTEC in Countryside and Environment and taking part in Forest School over the next 3 years. This course will involve them spending half a day each week (Wednesday afternoons for this academic year) in a woodland environment separate from the school site. Students will travel to and from the site in the school minibus.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to take part in a practical course. We will be leaving school at the beginning of period 4 (12.10pm) by minibus and returning for the end of the school day at 3pm. We will be working in the woodland throughout the year in all weathers, only on rare occasions do we expect to remain in school and work in the classroom. Students should expect to get muddy and they should come to school with the following kit every Wednesday:

- A full change of clothes which includes trousers (not jeans), layers of clothing to keep warm in winter, wellington boots/walking boots and a full set of waterproofs (jacket and trousers).
- A packed lunch and plenty to drink, as students will be out of school over lunchtime (students who receive free school meals will have a packed lunch provided by the school). Students might want to bring a warm drink in a flask.

If your child has their own wellington boots/walking boots please let me know on the attached slip, otherwise the school will do their best to provide these so that all students are fully equipped; in this case please advise of sizes required on the attached slip.

We have kindly been donated use of an area of farmland to work on, it is therefore expected that students demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for the environment. As the course develops your child will be using tools, lighting fires and be given responsibility for working safely with others. Should the school have any concerns about the behaviour of a student we reserve the right to keep that student in school until further notice. I will provide further information regarding these activities in a few weeks, however if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by email at:

[dyendell@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:dyendell@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

I look forward to receiving your reply slip and attached parental consent form by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This short deadline is to enable the first forest based session to take place next week if possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Dawn Yendell  
**Leader of Forest School**





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To: Miss D Yendell

I give permission for my child .....  
 to leave the school site for their course every Wednesday.

My child has their own wellington boots/walking boots.

My child has their own waterproof jacket.

My child has their own waterproof trousers.

My child requires wellington boots/walking boots, he/she is a size ..... in shoes.

My child requires a waterproof jacket, he/she is a size .....

My child requires a pair of waterproof trousers, he/she is a size .....

I understand that should the school have any concerns regarding my child's behaviour  
 he/she may be required to stay in school and this may affect their ability to complete their  
 qualification.

Signed..... Parent/Carer

Date .....

