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Dear parents and carers,

Re Forest School and Ticks

Our Forest School does have areas of deep vegetation and a strong local wildlife population of foxes, badgers, and hedgehogs therefore we wanted to make you aware that ticks may be present. As a precaution and to adhere to our risk assessment for Forest School, we do state that children must wear long jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top.

We are writing to all parents to inform them about performing a tick check on their child after their Forest School session each week. We do follow a 'Brush down' when we leave the forest, where each child brushes and feels with their hands, to help dislodge any possible ticks on clothing and to check for any new bumps on the scalp/skin. But we do recommend you make it a habit to check your child's clothing and body when they get home as tick bites may not hurt and children may not notice they have been bitten.

If we do notice a tick on your child, we will remove it in school with a tick removal tool followed by cleaning the bite area, we will then inform you as parents at pickup that day or via a phone call so that you can monitor your child and the bite area and to seek additional medical help if the child begins to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develops a spreading circular red rash.

I have attached with this letter a leaflet from the UK Health Security Agency about enjoying the outdoors but 'being tick aware.' Please take some time to read through it, so you know what to look out for.

With thanks

Mrs Miles
Forest School Lead