



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Learning for Life



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Help with Forest School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very lucky at Meridian to have Forest School all year round for all children, from Nursery to Year 6. We know that learning outdoors and being in nature is good for children's physical and mental well-being.

We also have a large Forest School area and a full-time Forest School teacher, Mr Legate. Everyone who visits our school is very impressed with our Forest School. It is something that makes our school special, and we can all feel proud of it.

However, running Forest School costs money. As you may have heard in the news, all schools are facing budget cuts and rising costs. Meridian is no different. This means we need your help so we can keep offering Forest School in the same way.

This year, we have spent about **£14,000** on things we need for lessons, like wood for fires and projects, food for cooking, and general maintenance such as tree work. In the past, we could pay for Forest School using our main budget and some grants.

However, this year our funding is changing because from July we are no longer a PFI school. This means we now have to pay for things we did not have to pay for before. Until our budget increases and these new costs settle down, **we really need your help.**

We are asking for a donation of **£10 per child for the summer term** to go towards these costs.

When we know how much money has been donated, we will decide how we can keep running Forest School the way we do now.

You can make a donation through Parent Pay as you normally would.

We may need to ask for more donations in the autumn and spring terms next school year to help cover our costs.

If you have any questions, please just ask.

Kind regards,
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