

21st January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has been chosen to take part in an exciting opportunity to explore the outdoors whilst learning. Codsall Middle School have joined forces with 'EKO' Educating Kids Outdoors. Both Codsall Middle School and Educating Kids Outdoors recognise that all children learn effectively in different ways, in different situations using different inspirations and we believe that the outdoors provides a perfect setting for all children to learn and problem solve in a calm, creative and considered way. On February 12th we are going to be beginning our journey establishing an outdoor learning space here at our school.

Pupils are requested to bring suitable outdoor clothing such as wellies, warm clothing and waterproof coats (with a hood). However, if this is an issue please do make contact as we may be able to help. Be assured that we will go outside whatever the weather but working around the normal school day and timings. We will be returning to the warmth of the school in time for break time and lunchtime.

The day will run from 9am until lunch time, when the pupils will return inside to eat. We will then continue from the end of the lunch break until 3pm, to allow time for pupils to be ready to leave at 3.15pm.

The ethos of EKO is one of 'learning through play' and during EKO sessions the children are given the space and the opportunity to think, to wonder, to discuss, to create, to innovate, to discover, to marvel, to enquire and to connect with their natural world. I hope we can support the ethos EKO and bring back skills to support the wider school curriculum.

There is a small voluntary contribution of £10 per child and this payment should be made via parent pay. If you require a bar-coded letter please contact the Finance department.

Please do feel free to communicate directly with me should you have any further questions on: r.connolly@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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