

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Forest School Questionnaire & Feedback (Y5): July 2025

Thank you to the families who took the time to complete the questionnaire. Their children took part in Forest School during the assessment period of Mr Atkinson and Mr Hassall to become qualified Forest School Leaders.

When you read the wonderful comments, it is quite obvious what a positive impact Forest School has had on the children. It has done what it said on the tin: helped to develop positivity, teamwork, resilience, perseverance and provided challenge.

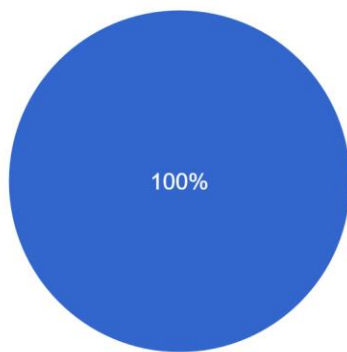


Parents' Views on Forest School at Holy Family – July 2025

13 responses

Does your child enjoy Forest School?

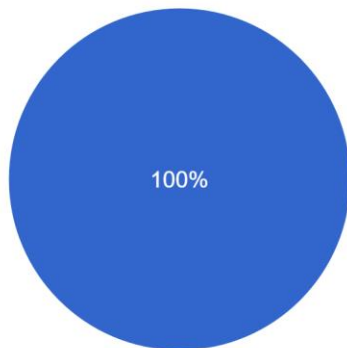
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- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Do you feel that Forest School has benefitted your child?

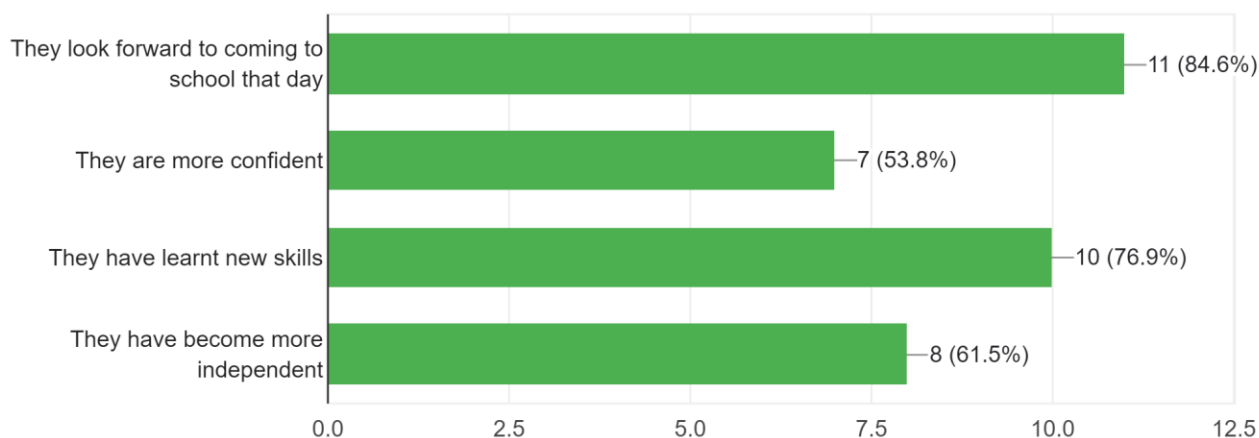
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- Yes
- No
- Not sure

What impact has Forest School had on your child? Please tick all that apply.

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What has your child said about Forest School, if anything? 13 responses

- He likes it, it is good idea
- My daughter has said she had really enjoyed Forest School and it has become her favourite day of the week. She loves building dens with her friends and toasting marshmallows.
- It's really fun
- It's fun, there's no pressure to join in you can just watch until you feel ready. Loved the fire, marshmallows and pizza cooking. So much better than being in the classroom.
- It's really fun and he has learnt new skills and likes being outside more
- It's great fun. No restrictions on what they want to do.
- Loves engaging outdoors and the teachers not being teachers but being themselves and on first names ie Tom aka Mr Atkinson. Liam aka Mr Hassle. Great fun
- He enjoys the freedom and creativity Forest School offers them. They enjoy the problem solving and working with their friends. They enjoy the relaxed atmosphere that allows them to express themselves. They enjoy learning new skills outdoors. The relaxed atmosphere enables them to build relationships with friends and teachers.
- He's enjoyed everything about it. How amazing the staff have been with him and just how happy he is when he's in there.
- It's so much fun. It makes them want to go out and play more when at home
- Excited by it and loves learning skills like making fire and tools and exploring
- Yes, good opportunity for him to learn outside the class room
- She loves it wants to go more

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your child's Forest School sessions or Forest School in general? 13 responses

- No
- Forest School has been a fantastic addition to the school curriculum. My daughter has never been an outdoorsy child and normally even just seeing a bug would scare her. Now she enjoys being outdoors

and I can see from the session where us parents were allowed to join how confident she is in the outdoors and not afraid to explore more in nature. At home she has been asking me to go on more walks and had loved telling me about the fun things she has got to do and create in Forest School including her secret dens and the swings that were made, as well as campfire stories and toasting marshmallows which she now insists we have to do at home every time we get a warm evening. Thank you so much to Mr Atkinson, Mr Hassell and everyone else involved in setting up this fantastic addition to the school. It has been great watching her confidence grow and see her independence increase over these past 6 weeks.

- They work together as a whole team and he really enjoys it, we are really grateful to the teachers for setting. it up x
- Really enjoyed the parent session seeing it from the children's side and spending time with them. Love it as a lover of nature myself how it can instil that sense of awe and wonder in them. (don't want to hear it from me!) So great to allow them the freedom to choose their own experience while gently guiding them to try out new things and learn new skills. Long may it continue to grow and thrive at Holy Family and in other schools, this is what our children need. Thank you
- I joined a Forest School session with my child and we thoroughly enjoyed it, some bonding time with him and we went and explored and found two new paths, I watched him chop some fire wood up and we had a good laugh
- Not over obsessed with health and safety. Children are free to climb trees, use tools, get nettle stings. Very refreshing outlook and I hope parents support the school if kids pick up cuts and bruises from their play.
- I think it's a brilliant idea. Allowing children to connect with all thing's nature using their imaginations to explore learn and grow.
- They have loved Forest School and look forward to it all week. Having experienced Forest School with the children, they all seemed so excited and it created such a positive environment for team bonding and learning. Thank you
- Amazing staff I think it's a brilliant idea. I also think for children with SEN it's amazing it gives them the opportunity to still get taught but not sat down and feeling the pressure of the classroom.
- Such a positive impact
- Fabulous idea and so good for them to have the freedom away from the classroom setting and the fresh air
- Good opportunity for my children to learn something new and good for him to be more independent
- Forest School has helped my granddaughter build friendships. This is not easy for her with ASD. She prefers to be outside. Loves to build dress learn new things. Is very excited about Forest School. I believe it should be a lot more on timetable