

## **FOREST SCHOOL – A CHALLENGE WORTH EMBRACING**

**Your first challenge - arrive early and come outside to build a model of the famous Newnham Corridor on Clough Lawn. You'll work with pupils from Newnham Croft School and Forest School Leader Liz Bicknell, weaving hazel coppiced in the Newnham Gardens – and experience for yourselves why Forest School is an idea worth spreading.**

We need everyone to take part. If it isn't completed by the time the first talk starts, we'll ask you to go out and finish it during the day.

### **What is Forest School?**

Forest School embraces the challenges and opportunities of the outdoors. Children learn to manage risk while practising all the skills they learn in the classroom in an exhilarating way. Nasty weather and nasty nettles are all part of it.

### **What will the children learn?**

- Maths, to calculate the scale model; measure the lengths of the sides of the maze and the coppiced sticks needed for weaving
- Motor skills using drills and saws to make the wooden mallets needed to bang the stakes into the ground
- Confidence to explain the project to the adults
- Collaboration (60 metres of weaving is a long way if you're doing it on your own)
- Resilience and resourcefulness to fix any problems
- Science – the process of coppicing – the children will return to the Gardens to inspect the new growth later in the year
- Commitment to completing a project
- A sense of achievement

### **What will you learn?**

- A spirit of adventure
- The pleasure of being 'in the moment'
- Resilience in being prepared to go outside to complete the project, whatever the weather
- Co-operation and collaboration – the project has brought together the College and the School; the Forest School Leader and the Head Gardener; the audience and the group of young pupils
- A sense of achievement
- How absorbing, inspiring, and effective Forest Schools can be!