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Hello Parents and Carers of Tywardreath School Risers,

I am emailing to let you know our provisional plans for Forest School and our off site adventures for the academic year.

Following the announcement of my resignation, a few of our families have understandably raised questions about the future of our outdoor education program (we call these our off site 'cultural capital trips'). We know that our outdoor adventures are very important to our families and often one of the reasons you choose our setting for your children.

Please be assured, even though there may be some changes to our outdoor education program, we will continue to provide the enriching off-site adventures, that we are so well known for.

We will be starting our outdoor adventures early this year, straight after half term, in the first week of November. The School Risers will be split into three groups, of six children. We will be focussing on the harder to get to trips before Christmas (taking advantage of my eight seater vehicle and the car seats we purchased last January with the Coop Community Fund money). Also this will include some of the water side visits, as I am Level 3 Water safety qualified (after recently freezing for an afternoon in a quarry lake, doing water rescues!).

November and December trips provisional plan include:

Polkerris Beach School,

Eden Project (Outer Estate) Bee meadow and Geothermal rig

Fowey to Polruan on the ferry and Beach School at Polruan (tide dependant!)

Quarry School at Carn Grey

For November and Decembers off-site adventures, your child will be in the Wednesday/Thursday/Friday group.

After speaking with the pre-school staff and committee they all are enthusiastic to drive the off-site adventures going from January. These will include local walking adventures, such as the marshes and duck pond and locations that can be accessed by public transport (assuming Covid risk assessments allow).

After in the Summer term, our original Tree-School Pre-School sessions at Tywardreath School are planned, as normal. School Risers going to any school will be welcome at these sessions and these sessions will give the children going to Tywardreath School additional transition time at their new school.

We are about to receive the remainder of our Cooperative Community Fund money, which we pledged to spending on outdoor cultural capital opportunities for the children. The biggest cost of our outdoor adventures is staffing, so we are really grateful to the Coop to be able to fully fund all our trips without asking for any contribution towards costs from our families.

If you have any questions about our off-site adventures, or if you would like to opt our child out, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

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