St. Peter's Catholic Academy

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Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

At St Peter's, we love giving children chances to learn outside. Outdoor learning is very good for children. It helps them enjoy nature and supports their learning, confidence, and development.

We are happy to tell you that Nursery children will have **Survival School sessions** during the year. These sessions are planned to support our Early Years curriculum. Survival School takes place **outside** and is led by trained instructors from **Peak Survival School**. Nursery staff will also be there to support the children.

In Nursery, Survival School is usually on **Monday afternoons (however, this can change)**, in the school grounds. If we plan to go for a local walk or visit, we will always tell you before.

Survival School happens in all weather. There is a shelter, but children still need warm, waterproof clothing. Clothes may get muddy!

On Survival School days, please send your child with a **named bag** containing:

- **Outdoor clothing (warm and waterproof)**
- **Outdoor footwear (boots or shoes for outside)**

Your child will change into these clothes at school. We will tell you the dates in advance. We will also put reminders on the classroom door and on our class page on the school website.

The children will do many exciting activities at Survival School. Please ask them about what they have done. Some weeks, they may make things to bring home. We will add photos and information to the school website. Children will only appear in photos if you have given permission.

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Nursery's first Survival School lesson will on: **Monday 19th October** . This will be an 'Autumn' inspired session. Nursery also have lots of exciting Survival School sessions planned for next half term.

You may wish to make a note of the below dates :

- **Wednesday 4th November** ***(The first day back after half term)*** 'Bonfire Night' inspired session.
- **Monday 16th November –** 'The Gruffalo ' inspired session.
- **Monday 23rd November-** 'Owls' inspired session.
- **Monday 30th November –** 'Hedgehogs' inspired session**.**
- **Monday 7th December – '**Christmas ' inspired session.

Please ensure that on Survival School days, your child brings in a carrier bag with their name clearly written on. This should contain the following clothes that Nursery staff can help them to change into:

- *Warm, comfortable trousers (such as joggers) and top.*
- *A jacket or jumper.*
- *Wellington boots – It would be great if wellington boots can be labelled with your child 's name and can stay in school on our welly rack. These can then also be used on snowy/ rainy days and when playing in the mud kitchen on our playground.*
- *It is essential that children have a warm, waterproof coat to wear.*
- *They should also have a hat, scarf and gloves in cold temperatures.*

Please ask a staff member you have any questions about Survival School and tell us if you need any support providing the above clothing. We do have some spare clothing / footwear in school, however, we must know in advance how many children require these to ensure that we can plan and support all children to take part.

All items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name.