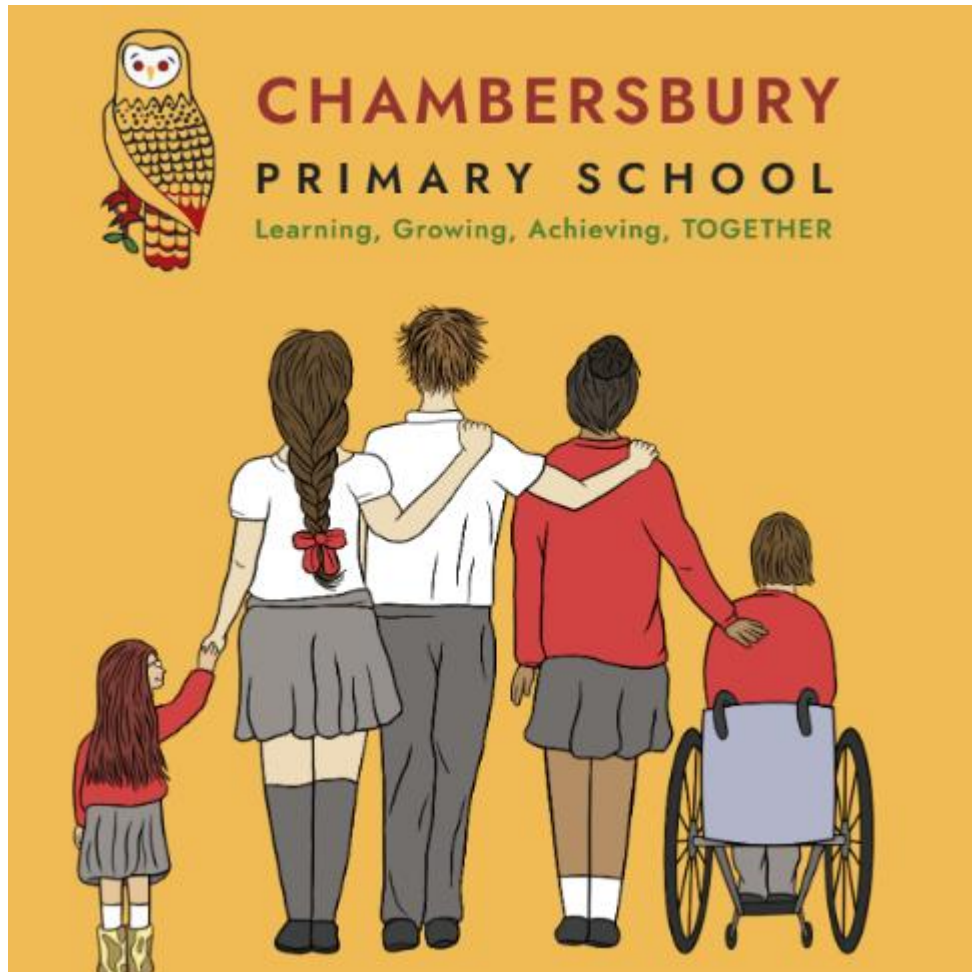


## CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Forest School & Outdoor Learning Partnership

In partnership with Out to Learn



## **Why Forest School at Chambersbury?**

At Chambersbury Primary School, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to learn in a way that helps them thrive. Forest School allows us to extend learning beyond the classroom walls and into meaningful, hands-on experiences.

For some children, the traditional classroom can feel challenging. Outdoor learning offers a different pathway to success, a space where children can build, explore, solve problems and create something tangible to be proud of.

Through working together, achieving our best and embracing practical challenges, children develop resilience, confidence and teamwork. Forest School enables pupils to experience success in new ways and to see their contribution valued.

## **Our Educational Vision**

Out to Learn and Chambersbury share a commitment to active, purposeful education. Core skills such as English and Mathematics are woven naturally into outdoor experiences. Children measure while building, calculate while problem-solving and strengthen literacy through discussion, storytelling and reflection.

We avoid rigid subject labels in outdoor sessions, focusing instead on discovery, engagement and confidence. Children apply their skills in real-world contexts, making learning memorable and meaningful.

## **Building a Sustainable Outdoor Environment**

This initiative supports the transformation of our outdoor areas into sustainable, living habitats that benefit both pupils and the wider Chambersbury community.

Our goal is to nurture biodiversity, develop environmentally responsible learners, and create outdoor spaces that families and the community can enjoy with pride.

Children will play an active role in shaping and maintaining these environments, developing a lasting connection to nature and a strong sense of ownership.



## **Safety**

Safety is our highest priority during Forest School sessions, particularly when children are introduced to tools such as peelers, hand drills, and small saws. The use of sharp tools helps develop coordination, concentration, responsibility, and respect for equipment; however, these activities are always carefully planned and risk assessed.

Children will receive clear safety instructions and demonstrations before using any tool and will be taught how to carry, handle, and store equipment correctly. Strict safety rules, including safe working distances and appropriate protective measures, will always be followed. All tool-based activities will take place under close adult supervision to ensure that children use equipment confidently, responsibly, and safely.

## **Benefits for our children**

Forest School at Chambersbury will provide children with meaningful, practical learning experiences that allow them to thrive beyond the traditional classroom setting. Through hands-on activities such as building, exploring, problem-solving and working with natural materials, pupils will develop confidence, resilience and independence. Forest School will encourage teamwork and communication, giving children the opportunity to collaborate, share ideas and support one another in a real-life context. By working together outdoors, they will learn to respect their environment and take responsibility for improving and caring for our shared learning spaces. These experiences not only enrich academic learning but also nurture social skills, wellbeing and a positive attitude towards learning.

