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Tuesday 12th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Little Canada departure date is fast approaching (Friday 22nd September) so we are writing with some final information and reminders. We now have a **provisional** activity list from PGL for the weekend which includes: Matrix, Dragon Boating, Sensory Trail, Abseiling, Fencing, Aeroball, Problem Solving, Giant Swing, Vertical Challenge and Zip wire.

Additionally, we can confirm that the following staff are attending: Mrs Blake, Mrs Davies, Miss Wood, Miss Hedges, Mrs Brightwell, Mrs Belcher, Miss Brightwell, Miss Bambrick, Mr Butcher and Miss Lacey.

Departure Organisation

On the morning of departure, **children should arrive to school at 8:00am**. We shall be operating a one-way system to load the coaches with luggage and drop off children. Members of school staff will be on hand to support with the organisation and running of this.

- Please enter the school site at the main gates and follow the path through the car park and past the coaches.
- Suitcases and black bin liner with sleeping bag/pillow in should be given to the coach drivers to be loaded into the hold of the coach
- Backpacks containing the * items from the kit list should be retained by your child
- Follow the path round to the main school entrance and give any medication to Mrs Belcher
- Children say goodbye to their adult and go into the hall to meet the year group
- Parents to exit the school grounds across the playground (you may wait along School Lane to wave us off if you wish)

We will be departing school at 8:30am.

Updates and photos

During the weekend we will endeavour to upload updates and photos of the trip as regularly as possible to Twitter- please see the separate Google Doc for photo permissions. Depending on wifi signal and available time, we cannot guarantee how often this will be, but please keep checking.

Sweets and snacks

Sweets and cabin snacks are strictly not permitted. We have many children with allergies and intolerances and through much experience we believe that the easiest way to manage this is by not permitting the children to bring these in their own bags and cases which in turn could be shared with the peers in their cabin privately. Aside from this, we do not want children to make themselves feel sick through consuming too many sweet treats too quickly, resulting in them missing out on activities. We will provide sweets and snacks to the children throughout the weekend, so they will not be missing out, and breakfast, lunch and dinner is always very filling.

Electronic devices

Mobile phones, tablets and other electronic devices are not allowed. Children are permitted to bring a small torch and extra batteries to use for nighttime reading if they feel this will help them settle to sleep. We provide each cabin with a digital clock so they know the time.

Behaviour expectations

All pupils enjoying their much-awaited Year 6 residential and making the most of the opportunities the weekend will present is our key priority. As a result, over the next week, Year 6 teachers will spend time preparing all of the children for their residential. This will include ensuring the children know what to expect from the experience - from the ferry trip to the lunch arrangements; from the activities to the sleeping arrangements. As part of this, the children and the staff will collaboratively write a 'Residential code of conduct' which will be in line with our normal school behaviour policy and include things like: not entering other people's cabins and following adult instructions. This will be written in order to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy the experience and be clear about what is expected of themselves and others. Throughout the weekend, all children will be able to earn different rewards in recognition of their efforts including effort marks and cabin points towards a group prize. However, any poor behaviour choices could result in the loss of free time or loss of time on activities. As with all school trips (and per our behaviour policy), in the most extreme of circumstances, we reserve the right to ask parents to collect their child from the residential if necessary. We are sure that this will not be required as we and the children are really looking forward to this wonderful experience.

Kit List

It is vital that your child brings appropriate clothing for the weekend, as detailed on the kit list.

Please pay close attention to the advice around clothing for watersports and muddy activities (highlighted in red on the kit list). Having appropriate clothing will make the weekend far more enjoyable and stress-free for your child.

Luggage should be packed into one large bag/suitcase except for those items with an asterix, which should be placed in **a rucksack** to be carried on Friday.

Pillows and sleeping bags should be put inside a single strong and labelled bin liner.

Please make sure all clothing and luggage is named as this helps us to avoid lost property.

Pupils should not bring expensive or irreplaceable items.

Essential

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Towel (at least one)
- Nightwear
- Socks and underwear (at least one pair of socks which can be tucked into trousers if we have quad biking)
- Trainers
- Long trousers (not jeans as these are unsuitable for some activities)
- Shorts
- Long sleeved tops x3
- Short sleeved tops x3
- Warm tops/hoodies/jumpers
- 1 set of clothes suitable for watersports (swimming trunks/swimsuit (not bikinis), a t-shirt and shorts and watershoes or old trainers which will get wet)
- 1 full set of clothes which may get wet and covered in mud and will not be able to be worn again all weekend (long-sleeved top, long trousers, socks, underwear, old trainers)
- Black bin liner x2 (both labelled with your child's name)

Optional

- *Maximum £20 pocket money in a labelled purse or wallet
- Camera (not phones)
- Watch
- Torch
- Pen/pencil and notepad
- Colouring/Activity book and pencils
- Comfort toy/item e.g. teddy bear or photo
- *Card games e.g. Uno/Dobble



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- Wash kit (e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, shampoo, hair brush)
 - Cold weather hat
 - *Sun hat
 - *Tissues
 - *Waterproof/warm coat
 - *Packed lunch
 - *Morning snack for Friday (not crisps or chocolate/sweets)
 - *Filled, **reusable** plastic drinks bottle
 - *Sun cream
 - *Reading book
 - Any medication (this should be handed to Mrs Belcher on the morning of departure)

Arriving back to school on Monday 26th September

We are due to arrive back to school between 4:00pm-4:30pm. If we are delayed, we will send an email out to all parents/carers informing them of this and update our Twitter page. Members of school staff will direct parents and carers ahead of the coaches arriving back to school. We understand that parents will be keen to reunite with their child as soon as possible but we must ensure that the children leave with the correct person and the correct luggage. Therefore we ask that you follow the directions of school staff to ensure that this is a prompt and organised process.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or queries, please contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Terri Blake
(Acting Assistant Headteacher)