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Dear Parents,

Year 6 Visit to Liddington 22nd – 25th October 2019

Parents Meeting – Wednesday 9th October 2019, 6:30pm

The final arrangements for our residential trip have now being made. Liddington is one of the biggest adventure centres with acres of space for the children to enjoy. The management team is highly professional and experienced and together, we have planned an exciting trip for your children – it will be challenging, fun and safe.

Rooms

Rooms have bunk beds and sleep between four and six children. They are fully furnished with ample storage facilities and private en-suite facilities including a toilet, hand basin and shower. All beds are made up with clean linen and warm duvets – no sleeping bags are required! Bed time will be around 9.00 pm. Staff rooms are located in amongst the children's rooms, ensuring good levels of supervision, with your child never being far from a responsible adult.

Food

The food at the centre is excellent! Full-board catering ensures three good meals a day. There is always a choice of two hot main courses, including a vegetarian option, or a cold buffet from the salad bar. Group leaders will also carry a supply of snacks as a back up between meals.

Our first prepared meal at Liddington will be dinner on Tuesday evening, so your child will need to bring along a packed lunch (no glass bottles or cans please) in a plastic bag to eat once we have arrived at Liddington. Please do not give your child any sweets or snacks as additional treats either for the journey or for the trip away itself – everything they need will be provided

Spending Money

The children will all have an opportunity to visit the centre's shop, to purchase souvenirs and presents, during their trip. Spending money should be limited to a maximum of £10 (made up of loose change in a labelled purse, please).

Health and Safety

Duty instructors are always on call and first aid is available 24 hours a day. There is a fully-equipped medical centre on site and all PGL instructors are first-aid trained and hold a current qualification. In the event of a serious medical condition, you will be contacted immediately. In this event, parents' travelling costs and accommodation would be covered by insurance.

There will be other school parties on the site during our stay – some of which are Year 6 children. During activity sessions, the children do not mix with other schools, as each has their own programme.



On arrival, our 'Team Leader' will meet the coaches and introduce the instructors to the group. This will be followed by a tour of the site and a fire-drill.

It is important for their safety, and the safety of the group as a whole, that any rules and instructions given by the instructors, group leaders, staff and adults are followed without question. No environment can ever be said to be completely safe: we will always take the same care that a reasonable, prudent and careful parent would take in the same circumstances.

Behaviour

We are proud of our pupils and of their excellent behaviour. Whilst at Liddington, we expect them to conduct themselves in a responsible, sensible manner at all times and we would like parents to reinforce the basic rules and expectations for them whilst they are on the trip.

If, in the view of the instructors, centre staff or myself, as group leader, a child is creating difficulties which impact on the welfare or safety of themselves or other pupils, that child may be withdrawn from an activity and parents may be contacted and asked to collect their child from Liddington. This could, if deemed necessary, involve a night-time journey. In this case, travelling costs will not be covered by insurance.

Medication

If your child needs an inhaler or epipen, they will be responsible for it during the trip. **However, it should still be registered, by an adult, with Mrs McBain in the library, on the morning of departure.** Please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name and that your child has it with them in their day sack. In the case of an epipen, a labelled spare should be handed to Mrs McBain **by an adult.**

Any essential medication must be in an envelope or suitable container, labelled with your child's name, school and dosage instructions. This includes travel sickness tablets for the return journey: tablets for the outward journey should be administered by you, prior to arrival at school. **All medication for the trip should be handed over to Mrs McBain, by an adult, before we leave on the Tuesday morning.** You will find Mrs McBain in the Library.

Timings

We shall leave school around 9:30 am on Tuesday 22nd October. Y6 pupils will need to be in school at the usual time of 8:40, leaving their luggage in the designated areas of the playground before coming into their classrooms. We should arrive back at approximately 3pm on Friday 25th October. Children, and their belongings, should be collected promptly from the playground. **(Please note: there will be no parking on the playground.)**

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency during school hours, please contact the school office on 0118 978 5219. An emergency call outside school hours, should be made to 07595 600116 or 0118 969 1099.

If you still have queries, there will be a brief Q & A session on **Wednesday 9th October at 6:30pm** in the school hall. This meeting is for parents only and will last approximately thirty minutes.

Completed EV2 forms must be returned to school no later than **Monday 30th September.**

Fingers crossed for fine weather!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Wilson
Y6 Team Leader & Trip Leader



Liddington Kit List

When packing for the trip, please remind your child that we are only away for 3 nights and that everything has to be in one bag which they will need to carry to their room themselves. All belongings should be labelled and a 'St P' may help!

Expensive equipment, clothing or jewellery should remain at home as we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage.

Mobile phones and electronic games are not permitted.

Clothing

- 3 pairs of trousers/ tracksuit bottoms (**no jeans**)
- 1 pair of shorts
- 2 sweatshirts/ fleece tops
- **waterproof jacket** (essential)
- waterproof trousers, if you have them
- warm coat
- 2 pairs of trainers (one to be worn on the journey), including one pair for wet or muddy activities
- 3 t-shirts (preferably long sleeved)/warm shirts
- 1 thick sweater
- 1 light sweater
- several changes of underwear and socks (long socks are needed for some activities)
- pyjamas
- 2 large towels
- gloves, hat and scarf
- toilet bag (flannel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, non-aerosol deodorant etc.)

Equipment

- small bag or daysack*
- reuseable water bottle*
- torch
- plasters
- pocket money (**no more than £10**) in a named purse
- small notebook
- stamped addressed envelope and writing paper if you would like to receive a letter from Liddington
- bin bag for wet/muddy clothes or shoes! *
- reading book*
- pencil case

**not optional!*

