



St Paul's C of E Junior School

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 Visit to Liddington 3rd – 6th October 2017

Parents Meeting – Thursday 21st September 2017, 6:30pm

The final arrangements for the trip have now been made. Liddington is in one of the biggest PGL 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 week for your children, which will be challenging, fun and safe. On arrival at the centre, PGL Team Leaders will meet the school and introduce the instructors to the group. This will be followed by a tour of the site and a fire-drill.

Facilities

Each room sleeps four children, each in a bunk bed. The rooms are fully furnished (and heated) 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! The children have already indicated with whom they would like to share a room and they will be told who their room mates are on the day before our departure.

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

There is a fully-equipped medical centre and all PGL instructors are first-aid trained and hold a current qualification. In the event of a serious medical condition resulting in your child needing to return home or be hospitalised, you will be contacted immediately. In this unlikely event, parents' travelling costs and accommodation would be covered by insurance.

Medication

If your child needs an inhaler (or epipen), they will be responsible for it during the trip. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name and that they have it with them in their day sacks. In the case of an epipen, please hand a labelled spare to Mrs McBain on the morning of departure.

If your child requires essential medication, please ensure that it is put in an envelope or suitable container, with name, school and dosage instructions and handed to Mrs McBain on Tuesday 3rd October. This includes travel sickness tablets for the return journey. Tablets for the outward journey should be administered by you prior to arrival at school.

Your children will never be far from a responsible adult. The teacher's rooms are located amongst the children's rooms to allow good supervision and Duty Instructors are always on call, should any problems arise during the night. First aid is available 24 hours a day.



On our arrival, we will discuss a suitable time for 'lights out' with the Duty Instructor. As a rule, 9.00 pm is a popular choice for bed-time.

There will be other school parties on the site during the week - some of which include Year 6 children. During activity sessions, our children do not mix with other schools, as each has their own programme. However, there is opportunity to meet and mix during break-times and during some evening entertainment, so new friends can be made.

What to take

Please remind your child that we are only away for 3 nights and that everything has to be in one bag which they will be carrying to their rooms themselves. Every item should be named and a 'St P' may help! **No expensive equipment, clothing or jewellery, mobile phones and electronic devices. These should all remain at home.**

Our first meal at Liddington will be dinner on Tuesday evening, so your child will need a packed lunch (no glass bottles or cans please) in a plastic bag. The children will eat their lunch at Liddington on our arrival. They will not be allowed to bring sweets or snacks to eat during the journey but some boiled sweets will be passed around by staff. Please do not give your children any sweets or snacks in addition to this as everything they need will be provided.

We think it would be sensible if spending money was limited to a maximum of £10 (in small change please). The children will get one opportunity to visit the shop to buy souvenirs.

Behaviour

We are proud of the high standards of behaviour as well as the politeness and courtesy shown by our pupils and I am confident that we will maintain our good reputation. I would appreciate it if you would reinforce with your child the need for responsible and sensible behaviour at all times. It is important for their safety and the safety of the group, that any rules and instructions given by adults are followed without question. No environment can ever be said to be completely safe but we will always take the same care that a reasonable, prudent and careful parent would take in the same circumstances.

If in the view of the instructors, centre staff or myself, as group leader, a child is creating difficulties which impact on the welfare and safety of other pupils, day or night, parents will be required to collect their child from Liddington. In this event, travelling costs would not be covered by insurance.

Timings

Tuesday 3rd October

Registration in classrooms (as normal) 8.40am

Departure from school - 9:30 am

Friday 6th October

Arrival back at school - approximately 2:45 pm

Children (and belongings!) should be collected promptly from the playground. (Please note: there will be no parking on the playground.)

Should you need to contact us in the event of an emergency:

School hours - 0118 978 5219.

Outside of school hours - 07595 600116



If you still have queries, there will be a brief Q & A session on **Thursday 21st September at 6:30pm** in the school hall. This meeting is for parents only and will last approximately thirty minutes.

Completed EV2s should be returned to school by **Monday 18th September..**

Fingers crossed for fine weather!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Wilson
Trip Leader

Attachment:

Clothing List



Suggested clothing for one-week's stay. The children will be outside all day, every day no matter what the weather is like. Most of the evening activities will also be outside. Clothing needs to be packed in one bag which you child will need to carry

CLOTHING

3 pairs of trousers, tracksuit bottoms or **thick** leggings (no jeans)
t-shirts (preferably long sleeved)/shirts/blouses - useful for layering if necessary
2 sweatshirts or fleece tops
Warm jumper
waterproof jacket (essential) and waterproof trousers, if you have them
Coat
2 pairs of trainers
1 pair of shorts, a long-sleeved top, a warmer layer and old footwear that can get wet (watershoes would be an option if you have them) - when floating the rafts they have built, many of the children do get wet!
several changes of underwear and socks (long socks are needed for some activities)
pyjamas
2 large towels
gloves, hat, scarf (particularly useful if the forecast is for cold weather but also for the camp fire on the last night)
toilet bag (flannel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant etc. - no aerosols)

There will no need for disco clothes as we have not been allocated that as an evening activity this year. There will be a camp fire on the last evening instead.

EQUIPMENT

Small bag or rucksack which will be taken around the activities each day
Torch
Plasters
Drinking water bottle
Spending money (no more than £10)
Small notebook
Writing paper and a S.A.E. if you wish your child to write home
A bin bag for wet/muddy clothes or shoes! *
Reading book*
Pencil Case*

**not optional!*

