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Thursday 13th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

**PINKERY 2024**

The school year is zipping by, and there is now just over a couple of weeks until our Pinkery 2024 Residential! Here are a few reminders for the trip, from **Wednesday 26th** until **Friday 28th June**.

**Staffing**

There will be two members of staff accompanying the children this year. Mr Oliver and Mrs Evans will be working together to ensure your child has the best time possible during our time at Pinkery. Pinkery Centre for Outdoor Learning have staff on site during the day who will be running the activities. If you need to contact a Trip Leader during school hours, please call the school office, who will contact them on your behalf. In case of emergencies, you can contact Mr Oliver via private message on Dojo.

**Medical / dietary needs**

Please complete the attached EV5 form and return to the office by Monday 17th June. If there are any recent alterations of which the school has not been informed, please let us know as soon as possible. If you know your child will need medication – both ‘regular’ and ‘as required’ – you will need to **complete a medication form** prior to the residential. These are available from the school office. Any medication (including short-term, such as travel sickness tablets etc.) should then be given to a Trip Leader on the day of departure. **All medication must be in date, and prescribed medication must be marked with the child’s name on the original label, in the original packaging.**

**Drop off / pick up arrangements**

The coach is due to pick up outside Ashill school at 9.15am, so we would ask that all children **please arrive at school by 8.45am**. Parents are welcome to stay to wave the children off. As stated above, any and all medication will need to be logged and stored safely by a Trip Leader (including details of doses etc.) and signed for by a parent.

On Friday 28th, we will remain in close contact with the school office throughout our journey home. We aim to be back at school between 2.30 and 3.00pm.

**Accommodation**

As you know, we will be staying at the accommodation on site at Pinkery. Children will be sleeping in dormitories with other children from Ashill only. Each dormitory has their own bathroom facilities. Children will be able to choose one friend to share a bunk with, and every effort will be made to allocate room spaces with friendships in mind.

**Kit list (Please make sure that all property is clearly named!)**

* **One holdall or suitcase** – your child must be able to carry this on their own. Please ensure their bag is clearly labelled with their name and address.
* **Washbag, toiletries and towel, etc.**
* Flannel, towel, toothbrush, toothpaste and soap, basic toiletries (no aerosol deodorants please), pack of tissues
* **Sleeping bag/single duvet cover, a single sheet and a pillow case**
* **Clothing**
* Suitable nightwear
* Comfortable clothing for three days (plus the necessary spares!) including: underwear and socks (at least eight pairs), comfortable trousers (preferably not jeans)/ leggings, shorts, two pairs of shoes e.g. old trainers/walking shoes (suitable for walking), jumpers / sweatshirts, t-shirts, **Please note: Clothes need to be warm, but not their best.  The children will almost certainly return tired and very dirty!**
* A full set of clothing for non-activity wear at mealtimes/evenings.
* Additional warm fleeces/sweatshirts
* Woolly hat and gloves
* Slippers or P.E. shoes for indoors
* Waterproof jacket / coat
* Hat and sunscreen (we’re keeping optimistic!) and bug repellent
* Bag for dirty laundry
* **Wellington boots –** **Essential** – and **Named**. Experience has taught us that a named peg fastened to the Wellingtons avoids loss and confusion.
* **Swimming costume and towel and closed toe water shoes or old trainers that can get wet (for the watersports day). Please note: Wetsuits are not needed as these will be provided by Wimbleball Lake.**
* **Tea towel** (ensure your child knows which one is theirs and how to use it!)
* **Torch**
* **Packed lunch** – for children to eat on the Wednesday – this lunch box/Tupperware can then be used for lunches for the other two days.
* **Day bag and water bottle** – a small backpack is ideal. All children MUST have a reusable water bottle; please ensure it has a secure cap and is not made of glass.
* **Money/valuables** – This must be handed to a Trip Leader on Wednesday morning in a named envelope. Children will be responsible for their money during the day, but it will be kept overnight by staff.
* The children can take a maximum of £5 spending money if they wish. There is a small shop on the site. **Children must not take a mobile phone.**
* **Food/Drink**
* Please bring one packet of biscuits or one cake to share at tea time
* Orange cordial and drinking chocolate will be provided for a bedtime drink. Please supply your child with their own if your child has an allergic reaction to these.
* **Personal possessions** –
* They are allowed to bring a named book and a small pocket game (not electronic).
* Children may bring a small cuddly toy.

**The following are NOT permitted**:

* Mobile phones / tablets / iPods / computer games / smart watches / other electronic devices
* Make up or jewellery of any value
* Sharp or dangerous objects e.g. swiss army knife
* Please do not allow your child to bring with them anything they would be upset to lose.

**Finally…**

Please **complete the attached consent form**, and return to school **by Monday 17th June**. If you have any further questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Oliver and Mrs Johns

**RESIDENTIAL VISITS – PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

Please read this form carefully, complete the grey sections and return it to school by

**Monday 17th June**.

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| **Child’s full name**  |   |
| **Trip location**  | Pinkery, UK  |
| **Main locations and activities**  | Pinkery Residential Centre, National Park walk, team building, low ropes course, orienteering, conservation, watersports at Wimbleball Lake coastal walk.   |
| **Date and time of departure**  | Wednesday 26th June 8.45am  | **Date and time of return to school**  | Friday 28th June  Between 3 and 3.30pm  |
| **RISK ASSESSMENT:** This residential trip poses additional risks to those encountered during a normal school day. We have assessed those risks and believe that the planning undertaken and systems agreed to control and manage the risks have reduced the chance of harm to an acceptable level.  To help with safety all participants are expected to behave in a responsible manner at all times during the residential. They must take direction from any leader and follow all instructions or guidance given.  |
| **Consent Agreement Statements**  | **Delete as applicable**  |
| 1. I agree to my child **taking part** in the residential visit to Pinkery, and declare that they are **fit to do so**.
 | YES / NO  |
| 1. I accept that **care and responsibility** for my child will pass to Trip Leaders for the duration of the visit.
 | YES / NO  |
| 1. I confirm that I have provided up to date **emergency contacts** for my child.
 | YES / NO  |
| 1. I confirm that I have provided up to date details of any **medical conditions**, allergies, dietary requirements and any treatments required to maintain health.
 | YES / NO  |
| 1. I agree that if it becomes necessary for my child to receive **medical** **treatment** and I cannot be contacted to authorise this, I hereby give my general consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the Trip Leader in charge to sign any documents required by medical authorities, *in locum parentis*.
 | YES / NO  |

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| **Consent Agreement Statements (continued)**  | **Delete as applicable**  |
| 1. I understand that my child may be withdrawn from the visit if his/her **behaviour** is unacceptable and I accept that I will be contacted immediately in this instance. This particularly applies to behaviour which leads to concerns about trust and the safety of my child and/or others.
 | YES / NO  |
| 1. I give permission for my child to sleep on the top bunk bed, should they wish to.
 | YES / NO  |
| 1. I accept that my child’s **personal items** and/or money are brought with them entirely at their own risk.
 | YES / NO  |
| **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please use this space to write any further details you think are necessary for the Trip Leaders to know.            |
| **Print name**  |   | **Relationship to child**  |   |
| **Signature**  | **Date**  |
| Thank you. Please return this form to school by **Monday 17th June**  |

