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Year 5 Residential PGL Bawdsey Manor 9th – 11th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is less than a week now before we go on our residential so here's some last-minute information for you. Firstly, thank you so much for your patience while we rearranged the staffing for the trip. I am pleased to tell you that myself and Mrs McCormack will now be joined on the trip by Mr Mison and Mrs Hutchens. Mrs Hutchens will be a well-known face to many of the children but we are aware that many may not know Mr Mison well as he started with us in September. Therefore, I have arranged for the Year 5's to spend some time with myself and Mr Mison later this week to hopefully relieve any nerves.

I have now finished bedroom allocations and will be telling the children these during their time with myself and Mr Mison on Thursday. As you can imagine it is not an easy task to sort out the rooms but I have ensured that every child is with at least one of the people they requested. Miss Earrye and Mrs Nichol have both checked over the room lists too. During the day the children will be split into 4 activity groups, this will give them the opportunity to spend time with other children who they may not be sharing a room with and will be where they spend the majority of their time. Again, these groups will be shared with the children on Thursday.

On the first day children will take part two activities, a combination of either zip-wire, orienteering or giant swing. **Please ensure that the clothing and footwear that your child travels in is suitable for these activities as there will be no time to change on arrival.**

I have been asked if spending money is allowed or needed. There is a small shop on the site which our group will be allocated to visit once during our trip. This sells pick and mix sweets, ice-creams and souvenirs. There is no need for spending money to be brought but children can bring a maximum of £10 in a named purse/wallet if you wish. Please note staff cannot take responsibility for any spending money so consider carefully before sending it.

I've also been asked about snacks and sweets. These are allowed in the rooms but please be sensible about the amount that is sent as it'll no doubt be demolished on night one! As with school anything sent should be nut-free.

Finally a couple of reminders. Please remember to send a **packed lunch on Monday** and bring any required **medication (which should have been declared on the medical form) in a named container and hand it to a member of staff on Monday morning**. If your child has medication in school and you require this to be brought on the trip with us please email the school office and mark for my attention before Friday so this can be collected and packed ready for Monday.

Many thanks
Mrs Wigzell
Deputy Head



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