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Dear parents and carers,

Year 6 Residential- Final Reminders

With our residential visit to Swanage only a week away, here are a few reminders for you:

What to bring:

The kit list that was sent out a few weeks ago is attached to the end of this letter, but here are a few key reminders:

- As well as clothes, children will need a sleeping bag and pillow.
- Bring comfortable clothes. Even if the weather is favourable, the evenings will be chilly.
- Children do not need to bring any money.
- Children will need to wear a pair of shoes in the water, so will need an old pair well as the trainers they will wear during the week. If your child has sea shoes, then these are perfect.
- Children will wear wetsuits for the water based activities. These are supplied by the company, but children are welcome to bring their own if they own one.
- Children can bring a camera if they wish, but **not** a mobile phone.
- Children will need a day bag to carry their lunch and drinks, etc.
- Children will need a refillable drinks bottle.
- Children with inhalers are to keep with them and hand one to their group leader.

Sun Protection:

Children will be outside all day so please ensure they will be protected and have caps and suncream with them. Lip protection is also useful.

Land and Wave Safety Document

Land and Wave, the company that run all of our activities, have changed some of their health and safety guidance recently. As part of this, I have attached a copy of safety information that they require parents to read and sign to acknowledge it and agree for their child to take part. Please can this be returned this week.

Tent allocation / Activity groups

We will be meeting the children on **Thursday 4th July** to tell them who they are sharing a tent with and which activity group they are in. As you can imagine, this is a logistical headache so we appreciate your support in our decisions.

If your child is in Activity Group 5-8 (with group leaders as Mr McLoughlin, Mr Chadburn or Miss Wheatland), they will be going to the water park as soon as we arrive on Tuesday. We recommend that these children have their swimming costume in their day bag (or wear them underneath) to save time. Groups 1-4 start with a dry activity.

Food:

The only food that children need is a packed lunch for the Tuesday.

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Timings:

We aim to leave school at 8:15am, so children need to come into school **from 7:50am**, through the hall doors. They will need to register with their group leader and hand over any medication. Please can parents say goodbye to their child as soon as possible to allow space to organise the children – you are very welcome to wave the children off at 8:15am from the pavement outside the premises.

We aim to be back at school on Friday by approximately 4:30pm. This could change depending on traffic, but we will keep you updated. It is chaotic getting off the coach and unloading cases with parents waiting. Children will be taken to the area of green by the bike sheds where they will be signed out by their group leader on parent arrival.

Communication:

We will be updating the school twitter account throughout our visit – follow us @MaidenbowerJun. We will put travel updates on here for our journey back to school.

Suggested Kit List (named please!):

Here is a rough guide of what to bring. Comfortable clothing is the key.

- A bag/case to fit all of the below in:
- Sleeping bag and pillow (This can be in a separate bag)
- Wash bag
- 2 towels – one for showering, one for activities
- Plastic bottle for drinks
- Sun hat, suncream and lip protection, e.g. Vaseline
- Torch
- 2 pairs of trainers (an old pair to wear in the sea and a pair for other activities)
- Nightwear
- Underwear and socks
- Swimwear – 2 sets preferable
- T-shirts and jumpers
- Comfortable trousers and shorts
- Waterproof jacket
- Flip-flops (optional – some children find this useful for shower trips)
- Plastic bags/bin liners for dirty washing
- Toiletries – shampoo/soap/toothpaste, etc.
- A day bag to carry lunch and change of clothes in.

Happy packing! Feel free to ask your child's teacher if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pike
Headteacher