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Dear parents and carers,

Year 6 Residential- Final Reminders

With our residential visit to Swanage only 2 weeks away, here are a few reminders for you:

What to bring:

The kit list that was sent out last week 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 one with them and hand one to their group leader.
- Children **do not** need to bring any money with them as there will be no opportunities to spend it.

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.

Tent allocation / Activity groups

We will be meeting the children on **Friday 3rd July** to tell them who their group leader is and which other children are also in that group. We will also share their tent groups with them. As you can imagine, this is a logistical headache, so we appreciate your support in our decisions.

Day Packs and the first day

The children need to bring with them a small bag (rucksack or similar) in which they will carry their lunch for the day, water bottle and sun protection. On the first day, groups 5, 6 and 7 will be taking part in the Slip and Slide activity. Please ensure that if your child is in these groups they also have a set of swimming things (or they are wearing them underneath their clothing), a towel and a change of clothes in their day pack also.

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Dorset Water Park

A reminder that if you have indicated on the Land and Wave medical form, that your child is **unable to swim 25m unaided**, they will **not be allowed** to take part in the inflatables activity and instead will do a fun alternative activity. This is a Health and Safety ruling from Dorset Water Park. Please ensure your child is aware of this before leaving for the trip to avoid any disappointment.

Food:

The only food that children need is a packed lunch for the Tuesday. All other meals are provided by Land and Wave, please see the attached sample menu. Please note that this may not be the **exact** meals that are served, but they will be similar. The children have a lot of choice at every meal there is always something for everyone. One evening, each group will go to Swanage and have a 'Fish and Chip' supper in the harbour.

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, so 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

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- 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
- Clothes pegs
- 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

Miss Child
Year 6 Teacher