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SATs and Residential

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are super proud of our Year 6 for working so hard in the lead up to SATs and I know they will apply themselves with a great attitude and do their very best. We are very much looking forward to the residential, a great reward for all of their hard work and achievements this year.

We will be leaving school on **Sunday 18th May 2025 for our residential at the PGL Caythorpe Court site.** We thought we would use this opportunity to give those who are attending some last minute reminders.

Departure: Please arrive at Mundford at **12.20pm** so we can leave promptly at **1.00pm**. The children will need to have a packed lunch, which we can eat on the way there and can bring some snacks for the bus journey, **no fizzy drinks please**. On the return journey, we are leaving at 2pm and hope to be back at about 4pm but we will confirm the actual arrival time on the day.

Medicines

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure that they have a sufficient supply of travel sickness pills for the journey up there, as well as our return journey.

All medication will need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and full instructions, and **handed to a member of staff on Sunday**. If any children are unwell during the visit they will be cared for by Miss Coates or one of the adults accompanying us on the trip.

Valuables: There is nowhere for any valuables to be stored and our tents will be left unmanned throughout the day. If children do wish to bring a device to play on (not a mobile phone) the trip they will do so at their own risk, it is worth pointing out there is no way to charge any devices that are brought. **Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones on the trip.**

Clothes: Please name everything! Children will be expected to look after their own things during this trip. As I am sure you can imagine lots of children all sharing a tent means that clothes get muddled really easily. I am always surprised at the number of times we are left with one shoe that nobody owns. Please ensure they have a named black bin liner (for dirty, wet clothes), a sleeping bag, pillow and all their clothes in a bag that they are able to carry.

Discipline: The entire trip will be an 'at school' situation and I am confident that the children will be as polite and well behaved as on any other occasion that they represent their school. As each day's programme is very active, requiring a great deal of energy and concentration, it is vital that everyone has a good night's sleep. High spirits at bedtime will be viewed as bad behaviour. If any child's behaviour falls below expected standards, particularly where safety may be compromised as a result, their parents will be expected to travel to PGL to collect them.

Facebook

We will post lots of pictures of our adventures on Facebook throughout the week on our school's pages. We will ensure that where there is not permission those children will not feature. There are times when adults may be busy ensuring children are safely in their harnesses, supporting instructors to ensure the children get the maximum time and enjoyment out of the activity. This may mean that not all activities will be posted to Facebook as our primary focus is the safety of the children but where possible, we will document all of the great fun the groups are having!

Gift shop.

The children are allowed to visit the gift shop on the last day of the trip to buy a small souvenir to remember their stay. They should bring no more than £10, which will be more than sufficient for most items in the shop.

Contact with Home

We have found from experience that phone calls home are not a good idea as they create feelings of homesickness. Children will not be allowed to use the telephone at PGL or bring along a mobile phone. Please presume that everything is fine with your child unless I contact you to say otherwise. If you should need to contact your child during the school day please call either school office on **01842 878278 / 01366 328280**. PGL can be contacted on [0333 321 2100](tel:03333212100) but you should be aware that it is not usually in use out of office hours and should only be used in an emergency.

I just want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff going on the residential, without them it would not be possible. They all give up their own time with their families and loved ones to give your children an amazing experience they will always remember.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coates, Miss Spearpoint and Mrs Groom.