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Dear Parents

Buddens Residential update and Kit list.

I hope this email finds you well and your child is looking forward to the upcoming residential. Please find a remind of important information below -

Pupils will be attending on Monday 1 June to Wednesday 3 June.

Travel Information

On the corresponding day of travel for your son, we will be departing school at 07:30; please arrive at school no later than 07:00 where possible so we can have everyone on the coaches in good time.

We will arrive at the activity centre by 11:00, followed by a welcome talk/briefing and then activities in the afternoon.

On their day of return, pupils will depart the centre at 13:30 with an estimated arrival back at school of 16.45. Updates will be sent on the day regarding traffic and a more accurate return time; please plan to be able to pick up promptly so that staff are not waiting for all pupils to have been picked up.

Medication

If your son requires medication while on the trip, all medication must be handed to, and stored by the trip leader. Thank you to the parents who have emailed me regarding any medication updates. Please can you ensure your child's medication is **easily accessible and labelled** when he arrives at school so that it can be **handed in before getting on to the coach**.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones on the trip and restricted access to them will be granted. They will be collected in by staff on arrival so that they are not left unattended in tents throughout the day and are not allowed to be taken with students to activities. They will be given an allocated time slot in the evenings when they can use their phones to contact home.

Any pupils caught using their phones inappropriately will have them confiscated for the remainder of the trip and they will be returned to the collecting parent on return to school.

Activities

Your son will be taking part in a range of activities involving water sports (such as canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle board), and activities involving heights and ground-based activities such as archery. A kit list follows, but please ensure that your son has adequate changes of clothing for a three day stay with a packed itinerary.

Kit List

Please find attached a kit list provided by Rockley Adventure. Although a wetsuit is listed as optional, given the length of our stay and packing requirements, I would strongly suggest that a wetsuit is not necessary. Please also note that the kit list suggests to not bring mobile phones, but we understand that pupils will likely want to contact home during their stay, hence the safe keeping of the phones by staff during the day.

Buddens have sent this brief summary through as well -

Last reminder of kit list (everyone needs):

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Plate, bowl, cups and cutlery
- A lunch box / Tupperware for salad bits at lunchtime
- Closed toe shoes for sessions

Schools Behaviour Charter

The activity centre requires all pupils to have signed and returned the attached behaviour charter before the date of the trip. These will be printed and signed during a form time next week; however, if your child misses this, we will have spares on the coach.

It goes without saying that we have extremely high expectations of pupil behaviour when representing Sir Thomas Rich's on a trip; if necessary, we will sanction pupils on return to school should they fall short of these expectations; however, we do not foresee this being the case.

STRS Trips Contact Number

If you need to contact staff during the trip with any queries or concerns, the school mobile number is as follows: 07367 445 746. Please can I stress that this is for parental contact only so please do not share this phone number with your child.

I hope that this answers any questions you may have and helps with your son's preparation for the trip.

Kind regards

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