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Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

Dear parent/carer,

Year 5 Residential Trip to Bowles: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

The children and staff are really looking forward to their trip to Bowles. Please find below the final details of timings and requirements for the trip.

Staff

The members of staff going on the trip will be Mr Williams, Miss Cuthbert, Miss Heffernan, Miss Loky, Mrs Crawford, Miss Parker and Mrs Prendergast. The children will be allocated a group that they will stay with throughout the trip, with a member of school staff and at least one member of Bowles staff for each activity.

Activity Groups and Rooms

Decisions about room allocation will be made by the Year 5 teaching team who will consider friendships and behaviour. The children will have at least one child from their room in their activity group that they are with during the day. This information will be shared with the children on departure day.

Departure – Friday 7th March

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March the children should all arrive at school at 8:30am and go straight to the hall with their bags. Parents can then pass any additional medication to the teachers, together with their pocket money and can say goodbye to the children. Children should come to school dressed in clothing suitable for travelling in & activities; i.e. t-shirt, tracksuit & trainers. The children will take their bags to the music room and then go to the classrooms where they will prepare for their trip. Children will have their lunch at school, if they normally have a packed lunch please send this with them in a disposable bag so they do not have to take it with them to Bowles. The children will be leaving during the afternoon.

Activities

We have a very exciting activity programme set up for our visit. No one will be forced to take part in any activity but we will encourage everyone to give the activities a go.

Spending Money

The children can bring a maximum of £6 pocket money which should be in a named purse/wallet and handed to an adult at the designated table in the hall at Park Avenue base on Friday morning. This will be stored securely until our scheduled visit to the shop. Bowles have asked to bring change and not notes.

Medication

A Google Form Link for medical/dietary and emergency contact details will be shared with you later this half term for completion. Any medication that is usually held at school will be taken to Bowles by the Year 5 team. If you have specified on the google form that your child requires additional medication e.g. for travel sickness a form will be emailed for completion this week. This medication **must** be given to the Year 5 teaching staff who will be in the hall on the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.



### Return – Sunday 9th March

The coach will depart Bowles on Sunday afternoon around 4.30pm and is expected to arrive back at school around 6pm depending on the traffic. We will text parents on the day should there be any delays or if the coach arrives back at school early.

### Kit List

The weather in March can be variable so please ensure that your child is prepared for all types of weather. A kit list that Bowles provide is attached to this letter.

In addition to the provided kit list, please take note of the following points.

- Ankles must be covered for some activities so low ankle trainer socks are not appropriate.
- The site can become very muddy. At least two pairs of trainers should be brought - one for outdoor activities (that could get muddy) and one for indoor activities/meal times.
- Thin leggings are not warm enough as trousers alone. These may be worn under another pair of trousers as an extra layer.
- As we are outside for a lot of the day, gloves, scarves and hats are essential. It may not be the typical time of year we would wear our winter layers but when outside in open spaces and in the evenings, these are greatly welcomed.
- Children will need a towel for showering.
- Children should not bring valuables or electrical items with them on the trip including tablets, mobile phones, hair dryers, toys. One small soft toy/bear can be brought along but please ensure this is not an irreplaceable and valuable item.
- Children will be able to refill a water bottle between activities so please ensure they have a bottle with them as well as a small bag/rucksack to carry this in along with any jumpers/hats/gloves etc.
- Please ensure all items are clearly named.
- Packing is a skill the children will develop through going on a residential trip, so please do pack with them so that they are prepared to pack for themselves before they return home. This is also important so that the children are aware of everything they came with so that when they pack to come home, nothing is left behind!

If you have any further concerns, please speak to me or one of the other Year 5 teachers.

Yours sincerely



Mr G. Toms  
Year Group Leader