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Dear Parents

Year 6 residential trip – Abernant Lake – 6th to 10th March 2022

I hope that your child is looking forward to the Year 6 residential visit to Abernant Lake, next week.

We will be leaving school during the morning of Monday, 6th March. Children should be dropped off at school at the usual time and go to their classroom as normal for a brief talk about expectations for the week ahead.

Please leave their bags in the undercover area by the hall door near the car park (the use onced as an entrence for The Oaks After School Club). When ready to leave, the children will collect their bags from there to get on to the coach. The coach is expected to leave at around 9.30am.

If you would like to wait to wave them off, please feel free to wait in the Larks Room at the front of the school which will be open for you to use from 9am. We will provide access to refreshments while you wait.

Who is going?

The children will be accompanied by Mr Gunn, Mrs Jordan and Mrs Higgs.

We will be making a stop on the journey for a lunch break and so the children can stretch their legs. Children will require a packed lunch. It will be easier if this is provided in disposable packaging.

If your child has any medication which you need to provide us with, please make sure you bring this along on Monday. Please also complete the enclosed medication form with instructions for our staff, and return this to the school office by 9am THIS THURSDAY.

We are expecting to arrive back at school after a very exciting week on Friday, 11th March at around 5pm. We will keep in touch via Schoolcomms to confirm this or advise of any change if needed due to traffic.

What will my child need to take?

The kit list is attached as a reminder. Don't buy expensive kit! Children will be expected to be responsible for looking after their own belongings. They should not bring any electronic items (phones, tablets, games consoles etc.).

What will my child be doing?

We will complete up to 19 outdoor pursuit sessions. Activities offered by the centre include: Hill Walking, Kayaking, Raft Building, Abseiling, Archery, Climbing, Fencing, Low Ropes and many more. Children will be told at the start of each day what activities they will be doing and what clothes they will need to wear.

Will my child be safe?

Safety is the centre's primary consideration and Manor Adventure holds appropriate awards and accreditations to provide adventurous activities. During the activities your children are led by well-qualified and highly competent instructors with school staff also available to support and encourage.



How will I know that my children are fine?

We will send a message via schoolcomms letting you know that we have arrived safely – please make sure your contact details are up to date. If there are any issues during the week, of course we will contact you either via school or directly.

How can I get in touch with the group if there is an emergency at home?

Please contact school who will get hold of us or use the Abernant centre number: 01591 610250 (Please note that this number is for emergency use only).

Can my child bring a mobile phone or other device?

No. Please do not send your child with any electronic items (camera, phone, tablet, games console etc.). This prevents upsetting loss or damage, and enables us to get away from it all! The children will enjoy spending time together and practising their social skills, and there are plenty of activities and games at all times of the week.

How do we keep in touch during the week?

There will not be the opportunity for parents to speak to children by telephone during the week, except in an emergency. Rest assured that all of the school staff accompanying the trip have many, many years' experience of running residential trips. We consider it a privilege to be "in loco parentis", and are very used to dealing with the inevitable homesickness. We will post a daily update on the school website blog.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

We will be using separate girls' and boys' dormitories with staff rooms nearby. The children will be told about their allocated rooms when they arrive at the centre – please be assured that all children will be allocated rooms with a good friend that they have chosen to be with. The rooms are small and there will be only a few children in each.

Can my child bring their teddy?

The packing of a teddy (or similar) to share the residential experience is (almost) essential! Just make sure it's not too big – the bunk beds at the centre have limited space! Reading books are also strongly encouraged for those quiet times and as part of our bedtime routine.

If you have further questions, please make sure you ask at school or via email.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Melanie Higgs
Headteacher

