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Class 2 Residential Visit to Cliffe House Tuesday 9th May – Wednesday 10th May

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, we have arranged for an overnight outdoor and adventurous trip to Cliffe House for children in Class 2. Detailed and attached to this letter is all the information you should need in order for your child to be prepared for the visit.

Children will begin their visit at Cliffe House at 9:30am on Tuesday 9th. We are asking that if possible parents drop children off at Cliffe House for this time where myself and Mr Newing will be waiting (nice and early!) to greet them. If you need any support with this transportation arrangement please do not hesitate to get in touch with me and we'll make sure everyone can be supported and accommodated. On Wednesday at 12.30pm, after we have had lunch, we will all walk back to school. We will arrange for the children's luggage to be brought back to school separately. Please collect your child from school at the normal time (either 3.30pm or 4.30pm depending on whether they do Football Club!)

During the visit the children will be taking part in a range of team building activities as well as things they otherwise would not get the opportunity to do in school including climbing walls, archery, environmental art and bushcraft. A full kit list of everything children will need is attached to this letter. Please note that children will also need to bring a packed lunch with them for Tuesday but all other meals will be provided. There will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop and a maximum of £5 is suggested.

I am meeting with Cliffe House this week to organise sleeping arrangements and food and any children with any allergies or medical needs will be discussed at this meeting and provisions/risk assessments agreed. However, if you do have any concerns about any needs your child has please do get in touch. We want everyone to feel confident and safe about children enjoying the trip and all needs being met.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs D Waddington

Headteacher



Kit List

Pupils will be carrying their bags up and down a few flights of stairs, please bear this in mind when packing. Activities will be inside and outside, therefore, it is important that old but warm clothing is packed. We have a small supply of waterproofs, wellies, small rucksacks, gloves and hats which can be borrowed if needed.

- Waterproof coat and trousers
- Outdoor shoes – trainers and boots or wellies
- Indoor shoes | slippers – (these should be packed in a separate bag or easily accessible)
- 2 pairs trousers (not jeans)
- 2 T-Shirts | tops
- 2 jumpers | fleeces
- Hats | Gloves | Scarves – Suitable for all conditions sun | cold
- Plastic bag to place dirty | wet clothing in (this helps separate wet from dry clothes)
- 2 changes of underwear
- Pyjamas
- 3 pairs of socks (at least one thick pair)
- Wash kit and towel
- Small rucksack
- A small refillable water bottle
- Personal medication
- Torch | Night Light (battery operated only)
- Children may bring small cameras and torches but NOT radios | mobile phones
- Packed Lunch for Tuesday
- Up to £5 for gift shop – optional.

Important

Valuables, jewellery, electronic games, tablets, mobile phones, straighteners* or hair dryers* etc. should not be brought on residential as Cliffe House cannot be held responsible for damage or loss.

*These items can pose a serious fire risk.