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Dear Parents and Carers

Information for Viney Hill Residential

As our residential draws closer, we need to start getting ourselves packed and prepared for our big adventure. Here is an outline of the information you will need. The Powerpoint shared at the Zoom meeting last month can be found on our Class Hub page on the website.

Prior to Departure Day

Your child will need a **small** case/rucksack/bag that they can carry themselves. In this case, which they have packed themselves (with your strict supervision!), they will need:

- Ground mat and sleeping bag
- Suitable clothing for each day (do not send your child with their best outfits – we will be outside doing physical activities every day)
- A set of spare clothes in a separate carrier bag for the canoe activity
- Warm hoody or jumper for evening activities
- Underwear and socks for each day plus spare
- Pyjamas and extra warm clothing to wear at night – it is chilly sleeping close to the ground!
- Sensible slippers to wear inside the tent (not novelty)
- Sun hat and sun cream (labelled clearly with your child's name – we cannot share)
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if the forecast is looking bleak)
- 2 sets of footwear appropriate for being outside e.g. old trainers/ walking boots/wellies (sandals/crocs/ballet pumps will NOT be appropriate for the site)
- Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrush, flannel, towel, shower gel/soap, hairbrush/comb
- A book to read
- ONE teddy or soft toy

You will NOT need sweets, snacks, cameras or any technology, including mobile phones and smart watches. We will be so busy that these will not be necessary, and we will be taking lots of photos. If we need to contact you, we will do that via the centre telephone or via the school phone/text system.



Departure Day

Please bring your children into school from 8.45am to 9.00am and drop them at the church, NOT the classroom. This will give us chance to check that the children haven't forgotten anything, use the toilet and remind the children of our expectations for the visit. We will then be boarding the coach at 9.15am, for a prompt 9.30am departure.

Medication

If your child needs sickness tablets, please remember to administer these prior to coming to school. If your child requires any other regular medication, this must be sent in a clear plastic bag/wallet along with the completed school medical form (this will need to be collected from the school office prior to this day).

Very importantly, remember that they will need a packed lunch, including a refillable water bottle, for this day for our picnic when we arrive.

While we are there

We will contact you by text to let you know that we have arrived safely, and will continue to update you via text throughout our stay. We have a jam-packed schedule for our visit to Viney Hill! The visit will give the children the opportunity to develop their independence, resilience and team-building skills. The schedule includes our evening activities and meals.

Should your child be distressed or we need to discuss anything with you, we will continue to contact you as we would in school. So if you hear nothing, be assured that your child is happy and having the adventure of a lifetime.

Coming home

We will be finishing our visit the way we started, with a lunch at the centre (provided by Viney Hill) after a busy morning completing our remaining activities. We will be departing at 1.15pm from Viney Hill, and should arrive back at school at approximately 2.45pm, but we will let you know on the day if this changes. Please collect your children from the church at 2.45pm.

Please continue to practise Covid safety and do not crowd the coach or pavement during departure or arrival. This also allows us to safely board and disembark the coach.

Please feel free to contact a member of staff with any further queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss Wykes, Mrs Brown, Miss Mansell and Miss Leonard

