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Dear Parents,

Osmington Bay Residential Trip – Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th March 2020

It's nearly time – the excitement is mounting and the residential trip will be upon us quickly after the half-term break, so here are a few notes to help you prepare. The staff team for the trip this year will be as follows: Mrs Rees, Miss Bouchiba, Mrs Chalk, Mrs Eve, Mrs Hartswell and Miss Sen.

A list of essential kit is set out below for your information. **Please note that a sleeping bag, pillow and wellies are NOT required. Waterproof clothing, however, is a must as we will be outdoors whatever the weather.** Below are some important details regarding the trip, so please refer to these as you help your child prepare.

Travel details

The coach will depart from school at approximately 10:00am on Tuesday 24th March; the children need to come to school at around 9:30am (when parking should be easier). Parents who are unable to see their child off should drop them at school for the normal registration time of 8:50am, leaving their bag under the canopy in the playground. It is important to note that the children should be able to carry or wheel their bag without any assistance from an adult! We have quite a distance to travel to the centre, so if your child experiences motion sickness please give them a travel sickness pill at breakfast. If necessary, one should also be handed to Mrs Eve on Monday 23rd March for the return journey. We expect to return to school, traffic permitting, at approximately 4.45pm on Friday 27th March.

Packed lunch

The children will need a packed lunch on Tuesday, packed in their small rucksack (no fizzy drinks, no glass bottles and no sweets or chocolate please). We will be stopping for lunch on the way to the centre.

Luggage

- One case/bag per child and one item of hand luggage – if possible, the hand luggage should be a small rucksack that can be used to hold drinks/food/hat/gloves during our day off-centre visiting Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove.
- Clearly label everything with the name of your child, including underwear, socks and towels.
- No electrical toys or mobile phones are allowed.
- **One** small cuddly toy (optional!).
- **One** book.
- **One** card game or small travel game (no tiny parts or electronic games please).
- Please note that the staff at Osmington Bay insist that all jewellery is removed for each session, therefore the only jewellery the children may take is a watch and small stud ear-rings and even these will be left unattended in the chalet for most of the day during activity sessions.
- Money is allowed, but about £5-£10 in a named purse/wallet will be sufficient for small souvenirs (no sweets). It is helpful if it is in £1/£2 coins.

Medical arrangements

Please find also find attached to this letter a medical questionnaire for you to complete. If you have any concerns about your child's health or welfare, or if there are any changes to your child's health after you have completed this medical form, please ensure that you contact us before the trip so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Please return the medical form to the school office by **28th February 2020**.

Before departure, please ensure that

- **Any required medication is put in a clearly labelled plastic bag and handed to Mrs Eve on Monday 23rd March at 8:40 in the front entrance hall. Please provide details of amount and frequency of dosage and ensure that each box or bottle of medication is clearly named.**
- **If your child requires a travel sickness tablet, please make sure that they have taken it on the morning of travel and that you have given one to Mrs Eve for the return journey. If your child needs an asthma inhaler, it must be carried by them at all times – they will not be allowed to take part in any of the activities without it.**

Kit list – all named please!

The list is set out again for your information. Please note we do not recommend bringing brand new and expensive clothing. Clothes for daytime activities should be old, comfortable and, most importantly, keep them warm and dry!

- Night clothes
- Underwear
- Dressing gown/slippers
- Towels – one bath towel
- Two or more fleeces/jumpers/sweatshirts to wear as layers under their waterproof jacket (we are on a cliff-top site and it does get chilly, particularly when we are outside on the evening activities!)
- Three pairs of trousers/leggings (preferably not jeans) – two for day activities and one for evenings
- Short sleeved and long sleeved t-shirts (some activities need long sleeved tops)
- Several pairs of socks – ankle socks, rather than trainer socks
- One pair of practical shoes or boots (such as walking shoes or boots) and 1 pair of trainers: two pairs of shoes are required in case one pair gets wet. Two pairs of trainers would be acceptable as long as one pair is very comfortable for walking! **Wellies are not required.**
- **Waterproof jacket or waterproof cagoule over a coat** – very important as the activities will take place, rain or shine! If it is also a warm one, so much the better!
- **Waterproof trousers** – in our experience a pair of waterproof trousers or over trousers is invaluable. As well as helping to keep them dry, they do also help to keep them warm if it is windy. If you do not already have a pair, they are available at shops such as Mountain Warehouse or online on sites such as Sports Direct or Amazon.
- Gloves and warm hat – it can get very chilly on the evening activities when the children are outside or walking along the coastal path from Durdle Door to Lulworth Cove.
- Labelled bin liner for wet/dirty clothes – very important!
- A labelled water bottle for a drink on the day activities.
- Wash bag and toiletries – could include flannel, soap, shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, roll on deodorant (as spray deodorant sets off the smoke detectors).
- Lip balm – essential in cold weather and wind on the coast.
- Sun cream and sun hat- we will check the forecast nearer the time but this may be required if it is sunny (even if it is cold!).

On our arrival, you will be notified by the school office via email that we have arrived safely. Many thanks for your support: we are all looking forward to a happy, safe and fun-filled time at Osmington Bay.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rees, Miss Bouchiba & Mrs Chalk