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### **Osmington 11, 12 and 13 June 2021**

#### **Years 5 and 6**

Dear Parents and Carers

With all of the uncertainty around travel at the current time, we are delighted to be able to look forward to the Osmington residential trip next month. We are now ready to think about the practicalities of the trip.

#### **Please pack:**

- Appropriate clothing for outdoor and adventurous activities (**not** thin leggings or denim), including a long sleeved top and long trousers: these are **essential** for some activities.
- A change of clothes in preparation for some messy activities, including a second pair of trainers.
- Socks and pants for Saturday and Sunday. A small towel, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, no spray deodorants – roller ones ok, (leave hair gel etc at home!). And, as always, a small cuddly toy!
- Pocket money for souvenirs is a maximum of £5.00 which should be in a purse/wallet.
- For every activity, the leaders ask for the removal of jewellery, watches etc. so we suggest children leave watches and earrings at home. Long hair must be tied back.
- **No** sweets, games, cards or electronic devices, including mobile phones. Children can bring a reading book if they wish, but there isn't usually any time for reading!

All of the above should be packed into a bag they can handle easily. They need to be able to carry their bag in one hand and their **sleeping bag**, tied and labelled if possible, in the other hand. If your child wants to bring a pillow, then they can, but most manage without, by the time they are snuggled down into the bag.

#### **On Friday 11 June:**

- The children need to arrive at school at the normal time, with all of their belongings and dressed in their trip clothing. Our first stop is Lulworth Cove! The bus will be departing at around 9.30am, but we ask that you say goodbye to your children when you drop them off at school to avoid two bouts of separation – this gives us the best chance to get off to a smooth start.

- A packed lunch is required for Friday, plus an extra sandwich or two which we will have as a 'second breakfast' on the way. Please also pack a re-usable water bottle for use during the day and for all meals in the dining hall.

### **Medicines**

- If your child requires any medication, including tablets for travel sickness, please to hand this to me before the coach departs, with name and instructions.
- If your child has an inhaler, they should carry these with them at all times. If you have ticked asthma on the medical form, the activity leaders will expect your child to have an inhaler with them.

**Supervision** As well as the Osmington staff who look after us at all times, I am the leader of the trip with Mrs Jones, Mr Richards, Miss Humphreys, Mrs May and Mrs Dernie. They will be alongside the activity leaders plus supporting the children from breakfast to bedtime, and beyond if necessary. As to my previous letter, children will remain in their established bubbles throughout the residential.

**Dormitories** The children will be in small teams, sharing an en-suite bathroom and being totally responsible for their own belongings and the key. The teacher chalets are spaced out between the children's; we have a master key and we don't go to bed till very late, ensuring that all are asleep and all is well. We respond to any noise, and the children are told to come and knock on a teachers' door should they need us. We are experienced in dealing with homesickness or nervousness and help any child who needs a bit of extra reassurance.

**Collection** Depending on traffic, we hope to return by around 8.30pm on Sunday evening. We will provide an update as to our ETA on SCOPAY and the school website. As normal, the collection point is by St. Augustine's Church. Children will be released in their bubbles and please respect the neighbours and keep noise to a minimum.

**Worries** If anything is concerning you or your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

This term, we have focussed on the values **Kindness, Courage and Respect**. We always see these in abundance on our residential trips and I cannot wait to see how this group rises to the challenges of their residential weekend.

Finally, forms for Health and Safety are attached. Please return forms **OA1 and OA2 both sides** and return to the school office by **Monday 24 May 2021** please.

Please retain form <b>OA6</b> for your records for when we are away and clear balances before the trip.
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Yours sincerely,



James Veness