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“It is the mission of this Catholic School to enable our children to become aware of the world that God has given them and to recognise their vocation and responsibilities within it”

8th February 2017

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 4 Residential trip to Petty Pool Outdoor Educational Centre – 15th – 17th March 2017

We have arranged for Year 4 to visit Petty Pool Outdoor Education Centre in Northwich where the children will stay overnight for 2 nights and will have 3 full days of activities. The purpose of this residential trip is to encourage independence and organisation away from home, as well as developing communication and teamwork skills in an outdoor environment. It is a wonderful ‘stepping stone’ between the 1-night residential in Year 3 and the 4-night stay in Years 5 and 6.

The residential will take place over three days and we will be leaving at approximately 9.30am on Wednesday 15th March and returning by the end of school on Friday 17th March. The cost of the residential will be £127 this includes accommodation, meals, travel and all fully supervised outdoor activities by qualified instructors. A final schedule of activities will be confirmed upon arrival, but will include challenges such as climbing walls, abseiling, den building, orienteering etc. The children will be encouraged to challenge themselves in order to achieve, but no child will be forced to do anything with which they are not comfortable, so there is no need to worry.

Before your child is allowed to accompany us on the trip, you must complete and return the attached consent form, which also details your child’s medical requirements. Please complete this as fully as possible, paying particular attention to question 1d – we will be bringing Junior Nurofen and Calpol and require specific consent as to which pain relief product your child is allowed, if necessary. If your child requires different medication, please inform us both in writing and tell Mrs Ranfield in person to avoid confusion.

I have included additional information below about what your child will need to bring on their trip to make it as successful as possible (please note that all children are responsible for carrying/transporting their own bags between the coach and sleeping cabins, so please ensure everything is fully labelled and that children are able to manoeuvre them!):

Children need to bring the following:

- Sufficient weather-appropriate clothing for 3 days and 2 nights, (plenty of layers in case of inclement weather forecasts and appropriate sun protection in case of warm, sunny weather). We recommend each child has 2 coats in case one becomes wet or very muddy;
- Underwear and sleeping clothes;
- At least 2 pairs of appropriate footwear – nothing brand new as they will become very muddy very quickly! Trainers or walking boots are fine, but wellington boots are not advised;
- At least one towel, as these are not provided by Petty Pool;

- Pocket money, at your discretion. There is a small gift/tuck shop on site, but we would not like the children to have more than £5 each;
- Toiletries, as required. If sending your child with deodorant, it must be a roll-on product;
- A teddy or similar comforting item to help children to settle in the evenings;
- A water bottle for daytime activities (this can be filled up in the morning and at mealtimes in the dining hall);
- A torch if you have one (this is not vital, but is handy for evening activities and moving around the site);
- Spare plastic bags or bin bags (labelled with child's name) in case dirty/wet clothes or shoes need storing before being packed.

Children **do not** need to bring the following:

- Sleeping bags and pillow – these are provided;
- Aerosol deodorants or other spray products – these set off the sensitive smoke detectors;
- Any electrical items – this includes hairdryers, mobile phones or MP3 players. If there is an issue and parents need to be contacted, school staff will arrange this; there is no need for children to bring a phone.

A Petty Pool information evening will be held on Thursday 16th February at 3.30pm in the Year 4 classroom. I hope you find this letter to be useful but please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Corrigan or Miss Sharratt if you need further information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Davies
Acting Head Teacher