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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Bushcraft trip details 24th-26th May Peshurst Place, Tonbridge

I hope that your child is getting excited about the forthcoming Bushcraft trip. I would like to provide you with some final details.

The Journey

We will leave school at 8.10am on **Wednesday 24th May**. Please be at school by 8.00am as the coach needs to arrive at the site at about 9.45am. Have everything that you need for the journey in a small bag, as it will not be possible to get to your large bag on the journey. Keep your luggage to a minimum and do not bring a suitcase.

We will leave the camp at 3.00pm on **Friday 26th May** and arrive back at approximately 4.30-5.00 pm. No rubbish must be left on the coach.

Clothing

The kit list requirements are essential, but please also bring comfortable wear for the evenings. We shall be outside, so a warm, waterproof, coat is required. Please ensure you wear walking boots or old trainers, bring a spare pair of trainers and perhaps wellies also if the weather looks wet. Do not bring nice clothes as you will spend a considerable amount of time by open fires and engaged in physical activities. Leggings of any form are not a good idea as they provide little insulation in the evenings or when wet and little protection against the forest. A kit list has been issued; further copies can be found on the school website.

Bedding

A roll mat and a warm sleeping bag! You may want to bring a spare blanket and a pillow.

Medicines/First Aid

Plasters are a good idea; as blisters are not uncommon, but staff will have a first aid kit. If you use inhalers, it may be wise to take two. Keep one with you at all times. If you take other medication, that you have already advised the school of when you completed the trip documentation, please ensure that you have sufficient for the three days and that a member of staff is aware of what and when you are taking it.

Personal Items/Valuables

- Please remember a water bottle and suncream.
- By all means bring a camera (and waterproof bag to protect it).
- A torch is essential (with batteries) for walks in the dark.
- If you have a musical instrument such as guitar you can bring it along for our campfire singing sessions!
- Mobile phones can be taken on the journey but will be collected upon arrival at the camp. There will be NO access to mobile phones during the three days unless the need is urgent. These will be stored securely at the risk of the students and staff accept no responsibility for these whatsoever.

Camp Rules

- Please note, no food or sweets should be brought into camp, as animals will happily eat through a bag to find Haribos etc.
- Smoking/vaping and alcohol are forbidden at all times. Noise must not become excessive, especially at mealtimes and when others are trying to sleep. Failure to adhere to any rules will result in early collection from the camp.

Should you wish to contact staff on the trip in an emergency, I can be reached on the school mobile: **07825 429 687**.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me on jbrady@langton.kent.sch.uk should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Brady
Trip Organiser