



28th June 2022

Last Minute Lakes Reminders

Dear parents and carers of Y6 children visiting the Lakes,

The residential is almost upon us! Please take the time to read this letter, which will remind you of a few of the key messages in preparation for the trip.

Leaving time and arriving back

We want to leave the school grounds at 8:00am on Monday, so please make sure your child is here by 7:45am. Please leave all 'big' luggage (not hand luggage) by the path alongside the main entrance turning point and the bus drivers will start to load up the coaches as soon as they arrive.

The children will need to come to the hall with their hand luggage and staff will complete a register. You are more than willing to wait outside and wave us off; they will only be in the hall until everyone arrives.

We aim to be back at school at 6:00pm on Friday. We will keep in touch with the school if we think this time looks unlikely and they will message you in turn.

Monday packed lunch, snacks and water bottles

If you would like the school to provide your child with a school packed lunch, as per the MyEd message we sent, we need to know by tomorrow (Wednesday). Please book these in the usual way via ParentMail.

Your child will need a 'BIG' packed lunch for Monday. This can include snacks that can be eaten on the coach. If you would like to pack some additional non-perishable sweets for your child to 'graze' on during the week, that is fine. Your child will need two good-sized drinks for Monday, one of which will need to be in a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the week.

Please do not send your child with any food that contains nuts.

Weather and clothing

At the moment, the Ambleside forecast for next week is fair – not too hot, not too cold and no rain. HOWEVER, and it is a big however, please make sure you pack with varying weather conditions in mind. The weather can change dramatically in the Lake District and it is important that the children have clothing for every eventuality.

Please look closely at the kit list and make sure your child has all the essentials including 2 towels, at least 2 pairs of footwear and 2 bin bags!



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For the activity day, polyester tops and tracksuit bottoms/shorts are a much better option than cotton wear as these do not soak up the water as much.

Pocket money

Children are allowed to bring a maximum of £15 spending money. This will be their responsibility to keep and look after. Any spending money will need to be cash – no bank or 'Go Henry' cards please.

Electronic devices

Please remember, we are not allowing the children to take anything that has the ability to connect to the internet. Any older devices that can play music (iPod for example), play DVDs (portable DVD player) or play games on (older hand held devices without internet connectivity – I want to say 'Gameboy!') are allowed.

Please, no digital cameras. If you would like to send your child with a disposable camera, that is fine but staff will take loads of photos to share with you when we get back.

Absolutely no mobile phones of any kind are allowed.

Medication

Any medication that your child will need to take should be carefully labelled and handed into the office by tomorrow (Wednesday). This must be accompanied by a completed form that specifies the name, dosage and timings of medication. A copy of this form ('Parental agreement for Dereham Church of England Junior Academy staff to administer medicine') was sent home with your child last week.

This will be the last letter before the residential takes place. If you have any queries that are not addressed by this or any of the other letters sent previously, please contact us.

See you on Monday!

Best wishes,

Mr Dack