



Dear Parent/Carer

April 2019

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 SCHOOL CAMP: TUESDAY 18th JUNE - FRIDAY 21st JUNE 2019

As you are aware, this year's camp is being hosted by The Bushcraft Company at their Boughton Woods site in Northamptonshire. If you haven't already done so, please visit Bushcraft's website for more details: www.thebushcraftcompany.com/uk-centres/boughton-house

Parents' Information Evening, Wednesday 8th May, 6pm – 7pm, Auditorium

This is an opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. A representative from The Bushcraft Company will also be present to answer any questions.

'Drop-in' Medication Collection Session, Wednesday 12th June, 3.30pm – 5pm, 6th Form Centre

This will be the opportunity for you to hand in any medication that your child will require for the duration of the camp. Students must not take and administer their own medication whilst at camp. All prescribed medication should be fully labelled with the original pharmacy label. Medication which can be purchased 'over the counter' should also be fully labelled with your child's name and handed in.

Our School First Aider will be available to receive any medication and record dosage and any other information. Please note that no medication other than in exceptional circumstances will be accepted on the morning of departure. Arrangements will be made after camp to return any unused medication.

Travelling to Camp: On Tuesday 18th June, your child should arrive at school as usual, at 8:25am. Upon arrival, parents are to say their goodbyes at the main gate and students are to go straight to the Drama Studio to be registered and they will remain there until they board the coach. Students will need to leave their named bag/s inside the main gate (two luggage tags will be supplied on the morning of departure which should be named and attached to up to two bags). Parents will not be allowed on site to help carry belongings; our caretakers will transport their bags to the coaches. Remember, your child will not need to be in school uniform (see attached information about clothing).

Travelling from Camp: On Friday 21st June when we return from camp, the coaches will park in the school approach road, off Woodlands Avenue. If you are planning to collect your child, we anticipate that we will arrive back between 16:00 - 17:00. We will update the website on the day, with a more accurate time of arrival.

Kit List: A comprehensive clothing and equipment list is available to view on the website on the Year 7 and Year 8 pages. Although we are hoping for sunny weather, camping can be a wet and mucky experience; therefore we strongly advise that students **DO NOT** take expensive clothes and trainers. Once you have read the Kit List, if you have any further concerns or queries about what to take, please contact us.



Camping Arrangements: Students will be staying in single-sex tents of approximately ten people, and we shall be arranging students into three 'tribes' and several tent groups. Each group will be considered carefully and shall be organised so that students have the best possible experience.

Mobile Phones/Gaming Devices: There are no charging facilities on site; mobile phone and other devices are not permitted at camp. This is to ensure all students enjoy the experience fully and without the distraction a phone inevitably brings. If your child needs to contact home for any reason we can assist them in doing so.

Valuable Items: Tents provide little security and we cannot guarantee the safety of valuable items, so please discourage your child from bringing any. Students will be responsible for their own property, and do not need to bring money as there are no shops on site.

Contacting students whilst at Camp: If you wish to contact the camp during normal school hours, please contact the school who will notify us on your behalf. During out of school hours, please contact the school's mobile on 07860 812487. We will update the school website with our daily adventures.

Forms and Information required: Attached to this letter is a Code of Conduct Agreement and a Medication Form to be completed for any specific medical and dietary requirements your child may have. These forms need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Again, should you have any queries please contact us.

Payment: Whether you are paying in instalments or a one-off payment, the full amount must be paid by **29th April 2019** (if you qualify for Pupil Premium funding and have a payment plan in place, please refer to your correspondence from our Finance Office). Should you have any queries or issues, please contact Victoria Gough in our Finance Office on 0118 935 3353 or via email at finance@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk. You can also pay online using your sQuid account.

Should you have any further questions regarding school camp please do not hesitate to contact us via telephone on 0118 935 3353, or via the email addresses below.

Kind regards

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Encs: 1. Code of Conduct Agreement; 2. Medication Form;