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Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 7 AND 8 SCHOOL CAMP: TUESDAY 6th JUNE TO FRIDAY 9th JUNE 2017

We are pleased to confirm some more details about this year's school camp.

As you know, this year's camp is being hosted by The Bushcraft Company at their Hatfield House site in Hertfordshire. If you haven't already done so, please visit Bushcraft's website for more details: <http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com/uk-centres/hatfield-house>

Camp 'drop-in' information/medication meeting Wednesday 24th May 3.30pm – 5.30pm

We will be holding an informal information afternoon in the new block of the school on Wednesday 24th May at 3.30pm – 5.30pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have.

Also 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 a pharmacist label. Medication which can be purchased over a shop counter should be fully labelled and handed in.

Our school first aider will be available to receive any medication and record dosage and any other information.

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 and from Camp

We will be travelling to Hatfield by coach; there will be two coaches: one for Year 7 campers and one for Year 8. On Tuesday 6th June, your son / daughter should arrive at school, as usual, at 8:25am. Upon arrival, they should go straight to **The Drama Studio**. We will register your child in the Drama Studio and they will remain there until they board the coach. Remember, your child will not need to be in school uniform (see attached information about clothing). If you are dropping your child off that morning, there is plenty of car parking at the leisure centre.

On Friday 9th June when we return from camp, the coaches will park in the school approach road, off Woodlands Avenue by the Bulmershe Leisure Centre. If you are planning to collect your child, we anticipate that we will arrive back at approximately 4:30pm.

Kit List

Accompanying this letter is a comprehensive clothing and equipment list that. Although we are hoping for sunny weather, camping can be a wet and mucky experience, therefore we strongly advise students **NOT** to 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 in to 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

There are no charging facilities on site, and mobile phones and handheld gaming devices are not permitted at school 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 whatever reason we will be happy to 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 them. Students do not need to bring money as there are no shops on site.

Contacting Students Whilst On Camp

If you wish to contact the camp during normal school hours please contact the school who will notify us on your behalf. Out of school hours, please contact the school's mobile telephone on 07860812487.

We will update the school website with our daily adventures to keep you updated.

Forms and Information Required

Attached to this letter is a Consent Form (EV2) and a further form regarding any specific medical and dietary requirements your child may have. These forms need completing and returning as soon as possible please. 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 **31st May 2017**. Please contact Mrs J Biddle in our Finance Office on 01189353353/Jbiddle@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk should you have any queries or concerns. Don't forget that you can also pay on-line using your sQuid account.

Questions about Camp

Should you have any further questions regarding school camp please do not hesitate to contact us via the school's telephone number (detailed above), or via the email addresses below.

Regards,

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