



October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8 CAMP: Tuesday 18th June – Friday 21st June 2019

We are writing to you to provide details about our next Year 7 and Year 8 Camp and to enclose some important forms which need to be completed and returned to School. You may be aware that our next Camp is being hosted by The Bushcraft Company at their Boughton Woods site near Kettering. The Bushcraft Company has an excellent website that can be viewed at: www.thebushcraftcompany.com/uk-centres

The details are as follows:

- Date:** Tuesday 18th June to Friday 21st June 2019
Where: Bushcraft Company – Boughton Woods site, near Kettering
Cost: £255 including travel
Transportation: Coach, leaving School on Tuesday morning and arriving back at School at approx. 4.30pm on Friday afternoon.

Kit List

Accompanying this letter is a comprehensive clothing and equipment list. Although we are hoping for sunny weather, camping can be a wet and messy 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. Nearer the time, students will be arranged into 'tribes' and several tent groups. Each group will be considered carefully and organised so that students have the best possible experience.

Mobile Phones

There are no charging facilities on site, and mobile phones/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 any. Students 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 07930 472642. Daily 'tweets' and website updates will keep you informed on our adventures.

Forms and Information Required

Attached to this letter is a Consent Form (EV2) to be completed for any medical and dietary requirements your child may have. This form needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Again, should you have any queries please contact us.

Payment

The cost of this year's Camp is £255. To secure a place on this highly popular trip, a non-refundable **deposit of £55 is required by Monday 3rd December 2018**, followed by four instalments of £50 required by 1/1/2019, 1/2/2019, 1/3/2019 and 1/4/2019. Our preferred method of payment is using the online payment sQuid system. Alternatively, please return a cheque made payable to 'The Bulmershe School' to the Finance office, clearly labelled with your child's name and Year 7/8 Camp.

There may be financial assistance available for Pupil Premium pupils for school trips but individual enquiries to the school should be made regarding this assistance. Please contact the school office on 0118 9353353 or alternatively, office@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk who will pass on your enquiry to Mr Staton, Assistant Headteacher who manages Pupil Premium funding.

Whether you are paying in instalments or a one-off payment, **the full amount must be paid by 29th April 2019.**

An information evening and medical drop-in session will be scheduled in the Summer term 2019 where you will have the opportunity to meet with Bushcraft representatives and school staff.

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

We hope your child will take the opportunity to be part of this unique experience.

Kind regards

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