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Dear Parents

SKERN LODGE RESIDENTIAL – FINAL LETTER

Our trip to Skern Lodge will be with us before we know it. Thank you for all the Medical/Medication/ Permission Forms etc which have been completed. If new medicine is required for the trip, please bring it into school on the morning we leave and we will complete the relevant paperwork. Please ensure that all medication is labelled with the child's name, timings and dosage required.

We will be picked up at **8.15 am.** on Wednesday, 19 April 2023, so if the children can make their way to the hall between **7:50 am. and 8.00 am,** where Mrs Marsh-Ballard and the rest of the team will be waiting. We aim to be on the road as soon as the bus arrives, so please be prompt. We expect to return to school at approximately **5.00 pm.** on Friday, 21 April. Any change will be notified by text message.

The children will require a refillable water bottle and a healthy snack for the coach trip and a packed lunch to be eaten on arrival. Please pack the snack and packed lunch in a separate rucksack that the children will take onto the coach with them. Their other bags will go under the coach. Please be aware that pupils entitled to a Free School Meal **will also need to provide a lunch from home for Wednesday.**

Please ensure all asthma pumps that are coming from home are packed in the children's rucksacks so that we have easy access to them on the coach. Any travel sickness pills for the journey home must be handed into Mrs Royal to be recorded and kept in our medical box.

Please find attached the kit list which will help you gauge the minimum clothing required for the week. Let's hope the weather is kind to us! When packing, please bear in mind the weather and the fact that the children will be outside for most of the day, every day. Please pack lots of layers, as days may be warm, but mornings and evenings might still be quite chilly.

Staff attending the trip with the children are - Mr Marsh-Ballard, Mrs Marsh-Ballard, Mrs Royal, Miss Waterfield, Miss Gumm, Miss Soderer and Mr Henshall.

Activities will include a mixture of: Archery, problem solving activities, team building activities, seashore trail, rafting, orienteering, assault course, climbing, shelter building, campfire and a birds of prey evening session.

The children do not need to come into school in their school uniform on Wednesday and if you have any questions, please email school on ask@priestley.wilts.sch.uk

Mrs Marsh Ballard and all the staff look forward to enjoying some fantastic experiences with the children and coming back and sharing them with everyone.

Yours sincerely,

A Marsh-Ballard

Mr Marsh-Ballard
Headteacher

Essential Items for a stay at Skern Lodge

Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty – so old clothes are best!

Please use the following checklist to help pack bags:

- 2 Bath towels (one for showering, one for wet activities).
- Wash bag containing toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc. – (NO hair gel/wax, aerosol deodorants or hairspray.)
- Pyjamas
- Socks and underwear
- T-shirts and long-sleeved tops
- Warm fleeces/hoodies/jumpers (layers are better than one thick top)
- Two pairs of old tracksuit bottoms – not jeans
- One pair of shorts (weather dependant)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Hat & Gloves
- Wellies
- 2 Pairs of trainers (a pair to wear if one pair gets wet/muddy)
- Torch
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- One refillable water bottle
- Rucksack/small bag
- Packed lunch and snack for Wednesday – packed in the rucksack
- Pencil and Pen
- Swimming costume/shorts
- Sun cream (weather dependant)

* Please note that most outdoor activities require long sleeves and long trousers even in April, to protect legs and arms from scratches, ticks etc.

NB: IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL CLOTHING TO BE LABELLED AS WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS LOST OR MISLAID. YOUR CHILD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS THAT THEY BRING WITH THEM.

Children may bring books/magazines if they wish. However, they are the responsibility of each individual and may only be used in bedrooms during recreation time, however, are not to be brought on any activity.

Please do not send any pocket money, or electronic games/mobile phones, as there will be no time for the children to use them.

All earrings must be removed before each activity – so we suggest that they are removed and left at home.