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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are no doubt aware, Year 6's New Forest residential is approaching and excitement is brewing. This letter outlines key information for the trip.

Payment

Firstly, please check that you are up to date with **payments on School Money**. Payment must be made in full to ensure your child's place on the trip. If you have any queries regarding payment, please contact the office.

Travel to and arrival at New Forest Actitivies

We request that your child **arrives at Ocean** at the usual time on **Wednesday 17th May.** The children will be **directed to the hall** where they will **leave their luggage** before going to their class as usual. The **coach will depart** shortly after **morning registration** and we will arrive at Beaulieu around 10:30am. Your child should wear comfortable clothes on this day. School uniform is **not required.**

If your child receives free school meals, they will be provided a pack lunch on the first day. Otherwise, please provide a pack lunch in a **named carrier bag** on this day. All other meals will be provided by New Forest Activities.

If your child takes travel sickness tablets on long journeys, please give them one on Wednesday morning and provide them with one in a **named envelope** to take for the return journey. If you inform the school of this, we will sit them towards the front of the coach.

Departure from New Forest Actitivies

The coach will leave Beaulieu at **12:45pm on Friday 19th May**. We anticipate that we will **return at around 2:15pm**. If we experience any delay, we will inform the office to send a text message to you. Exiting the coach, all pupils will make their way to the hall with their belongings.

Please arrange to collect your child **from 2:30pm on Friday 19th May**. When collecting your child, please speak to the member of staff at the side entrance - where Year 6 usually leave the building - and your child will be called out from the hall to meet you. Due to the children

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having luggage, we would expect **all children to be collected on this day** and not to walk home on their own.

Activities

Your child will enjoy a range of activities during their stay. The activity timetable is included with this letter.

Your child will be asked to provide names of other children who they would like to share a tent with. We will do our best to meet at least one of their preferences. The children will find out who they will be sharing with when they arrive in Beaulieu.

Behaviour

Children will be warned that their parents will be asked to collect them from Beaulieu if their behaviour is unacceptable and/or deemed unsafe whilst on the trip. It is very unlikely that we will have to make any such phone calls but please reinforce this important message.

Personal Items

Please see the **attached list of essential items**. Children will be **responsible for their personal possessions** on the trip but if you clearly name all belongings, staff will have a chance of reuniting pupils with any lost property.

If viewing this letter digitally, the links below will take you to videos produced by New Forest Activities explaining suggested items. Alternatively, you can type the descriptions below into Youtube to view the videos.

- How to prepare for your water-based activity. Link
- How to prepare for your land-based activity. Link

Pupils **must not** bring mobile phones, jewellery or any other valuable items.
Pupils **must not** bring sweets or any other food items.

In addition to the sleeping bag and pillow, please aim to pack belongings into a bag **no greater than the size of a small holdall/large rucksack**. We are travelling by coach and space for luggage is limited.

Children are **not permitted to bring mobile phones** on the trip. If you would like your child to have their phone with them on their journey to and from school, they can leave it at Ocean on Wednesday where it will be stored securely. If you need to get in touch, please contact the school office; however, **this should be for emergencies only.**

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Medication

If your child will require medication during the trip, please hand it to a member of Ocean staff, who will be waiting at the school gate from **8:30am on Wednesday 17th May**. It is important that you **provide the medication with clear instructions** in a **named and sealed plastic bag**.

Please ensure your **child's medication and their allergy information** is up-to-date.

Sun cream and hats are essential. Children will be reminded to apply sun cream each day. Please show your child how to effectively apply sun cream before the trip as adults are not able to do this for them.

Consent

Please read, carefully complete and return the attached consent form to your child's class teacher. New Forest Activities require this information for each participant; staff may need to refer to it during the trip and require an up-to-date copy.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We look forward to a fun and memorable trip!

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

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