

27th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

WMMS Residential Trip to Fairthorne Manor Wednesday 26th June – Friday 28th June 2019

Our residential trip to Fairthorne Manor is fast approaching. Thank you for your prompt payments. If any money is outstanding, please complete payments by 3rd May. If you require more time to pay, please contact me.

Fairthorne Manor works alongside Local Education Authorities to provide a safe learning environment. It offers a wide variety of activities to promote team work and a positive attitude towards physical activity. The experienced, qualified staff lead a programme which stimulates learning and improves confidence within a safe environment.

Students will leave school on the morning of Wednesday 26th June, arriving at Fairthorne Manor for lunch and will return to school by the end of the school day on Friday 28th June. Transport to and from Fairthorne Manor will be by coach. The activities that the students will participate in will include **Kayaking, Raft Building, Assault course, Climbing Tower and a Team challenge**. Students will be sharing tents, boys & girls in separate tents.

All food is included in the cost of the trip and provided by Fairthorne Manor, so you do not need to provide your child with any packed lunches. Students will be selecting food choices for their evening meal. They may wish to bring some snacks to share with their tent buddies in the evening, but please avoid fizzy drinks & sugary sweets/snacks that may encourage ants and other insects into the tents!

Each student will need to bring the items on the kit list attached.

Items need to be in a small holdall or rucksack - no large wheellie suitcases, please. Sleeping bag & pillow may be best put in a separate, named, large plastic bag.

*We also suggest that students bring insect repellent for evenings. **Please complete the medical information sheet below and return this by 3rd May** and please ensure that your child has all necessary medical supplies with them on the morning of the 26th June in a named bag. This bag should be handed to Miss Smith*

There is a shop on site where sweets, drinks, ice- creams and souvenirs can be purchased. Your child may want to bring a small amount of money to visit the shop - we would suggest between £5 and £10.

Students may bring cameras with your permission. They may take photos as a reminder of the visit, but under no circumstances may they publish/share photos on the internet. As we are camping in tents, there is no secure place to leave valuables and students will be responsible for their safekeeping. They should keep their valuables with them at all times. The school or Fairthorne Manor will not take responsibility for any loss or damage to students' belongings. As there is extremely limited mobile phone signal at Fairthorne Manor, **students must not bring their mobile phones.**

We are looking forward to spending this time away with our students and are sure this will be an exciting and memorable time for everyone.

Close to departure I will send out information about the programme, staffing and contact details.

If you have any further questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Please can you complete the emergency details overleaf and return to school by **Friday 3rd May**.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Smith

Kit list

“There’s no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing”. We’ve heard this comment for years, but it’s certainly true and some preparation will make everyone’s stay much more comfortable.

Below is a suggested list of clothing and other items that you will find useful during your visit.

- Sleeping bag, pillow
- Sleeping mat
- Plenty of comfortable clothing that can get dirty
- Swimming trunks/costume
- T-shirts
- Several sweatshirts/pullovers (lots of thin layers)
- Shorts and jeans or tracksuit bottoms
- Spare underclothes & socks
- Waterproof clothing, coat and trousers
- Smart casual clothes may be useful for the evenings
- Trainers x 2 pairs, one of which is suitable to get wet & dirty (Crocs or flip flops are not suitable for watersport activities. Footwear must be attached to feet)
- Welly boots
- Slippers/fip-flops (for trips to the bathroom in the night!)
- Hat to protect against the sun and cold
- Refillable water bottle
- Torch
- High protection sun cream/block
- Two towels, soap and toilet kit
- Pyjamas
- Bin bag to put dirty clothes in

YMCA Fairthorne Manor accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal possessions and would advise valuables, including mobile phones and jewellery, are left at home. Jewellery is not permitted on any activities.

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Please return to Miss Smith, via the school office, by Friday 3rd May.

Student name: Class:

Signed: Date:

Name: Relationship to child:

Emergency contact details for 26th - 28th June 2019
(please provide two contacts):

1: Relationship to child:

2: Relationship to child:

Any current medical details please record below:

(If your child suffers from travel sickness, please make a note of this below. Please give your child a travel sickness pill before school and provide a pill for the journey home. Thank you.)

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Any additional information: (In particular, **dietary needs/allergies**)

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My child can swim. **Yes** or **No**