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Dear Parents

Re: Y5/6 Residential Visit to Calshot, Hampshire Monday 04 September to Friday 08 September 2017

Please find enclosed the following for completion:

- Calshot's brochure with activities and confidential medical questionnaire/permission form
- RBWM's OA4 form and photo consent form
- Calpol Permission slip

In order for your child to participate in the activities listed on the website (<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/calshot>) and any other offsite activities, please complete all sections of all forms and return to the school office by Friday 07 July 2017. We apologise that some information is duplicated; Hampshire County Council and RBWM have different forms and both need completing please.

All outstanding balances should be paid by October 2017. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Final details:

Mrs Hayden, Mr Searle, Ms Withell, Mrs Milne and another member of staff will be accompanying the children on the trip. Children are not permitted mobile phones, however, staff will phone the school office with regular updates. We would like to be able to offer all children the enjoyment and comfort of a short note from home on one of the evenings. Please ensure you hand your letter (in a sealed envelope addressed to your child) to a member of staff on the morning of departure. These will be given out to all children at an appropriate point so as to avoid any potential bedtime home sickness.

In an emergency, out of school hours, Sue Ellis will be contactable on her mobile – 07590 263841. Sue will then contact Mrs Hayden and Mrs Searle if necessary.

Activities

The anticipated activities include skiing, forest orienteering, climbing, archery, trawling, high ropes, kayaking, sailing and evening events.

Packing

Please see the Calshot packing list in the Calshot brochure previously supplied. The children will be participating in activities from each category listed so please pack accordingly. Long sleeved t-shirts are essential for several of the activities. If the children get hot and remove sweatshirts, they will need long sleeved t-shirts underneath in order to participate. Please provide gloves to avoid ski matting burns, wellington boots, an extra towel and a pair of old trainers that can get wet, in addition to regular trainers. If your child has their own waterproofs please pack them, however there are some on site if needed. There may be a film/disco night on the final evening if children wish to bring additional clothes.

Please note that all bedding and pillows are provided.

Luggage

Please ensure that appropriate clothes are packed and labelled so there is less chance of clothing going astray. All luggage must be clearly labelled.

Travel Sickness

Please make sure that if travel sickness tablets are required that they are taken before the journey and some are handed to the office on the morning of travel, to be packed for the return journey.

Sweets

Children will be permitted sweets for the journey, but no chocolate please. We ask that pupils do not bring additional sweets or snacks. Any left-over sweets will be handed to school staff on arrival at the centre ready for the return journey. Cheapside staff will be supplying and running a free tuck-shop during the week

Pocket Money

There is a souvenir shop at Calshot and so, if you wish, children may bring some pocket money. We recommend a maximum of £15. The shop will be visited towards the end of the week.

Pocket Money must be in a named wallet/purse and must be in change e.g. £1 coins, 50p coins and 20p coins – please do not send notes, as there will be difficulties with change etc. Please hand to Mrs Hayden on Monday morning.

Medicines

All medicines, including asthma pumps must be placed in a plastic bag and must be clearly labelled with the child's name and instructions and handed to the office on Monday morning. Please ensure the details of medication are also on the OA4 medical consent form.

Departure/Return

Children must be in school by 8.00am on Monday morning. We hope to leave around 8.30am and we anticipate that they will arrive back at approximately 4.00pm on Friday. We will use the texting system for confirmation of arrival and any significant delays on the return.

Ipods/cameras,etc

Please do not allow your child to take iPods, MP3 players, PSPs or expensive cameras as it may cause distress if they are misplaced. We recommend the use of disposable cameras, clearly marked with your child's name, but all cameras will be the sole responsibility of the children. The staff will take 200 – 300 digital photos which the children will have access to.

Dentistry

Please note that this is an activity holiday and, as dentistry is often not provided by the NHS, you may wish to take out private dental insurance which covers against any accidental damage to teeth. For your information, RBWM's offsite activity policy covers the costs incurred for treatment due to injury resulting from an accident damaging the teeth up to £1000.

Outstanding payments

Any outstanding amounts should be ideally be settled prior to the visit, but by Oct 17 at the latest.

If you have any queries please see me or the office staff.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Kate Searle
Headteacher**

