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## Year 6 Osmington Bay Residential

Dear Parents,

### **PGL OSMINGTON BAY RESIDENTIAL VISIT 1st November – 3rd November**

Here are further details for our exciting visit to PGL, Osmington Bay. During the next few weeks, we will be finalising activity and dormitory groups.

#### **Medicines**

**All children need to have a completed medical and consent form** which contains emergency contact details and medical information, including information about any medication you would expect them to be taking whilst they are away at Osmington Bay. Please complete the Google Form attached by **Friday 13th October** at the latest.

<https://forms.gle/QR1GDEQZVvyndZFo6>

Please give any medicines to your child's group leader **on the day of departure**, who will store them until we reach Osmington Bay and administer them as directed. Please ensure any **medicines are clearly marked with name and instructions**. Children may keep their own inhalers.

Quite a large number of children usually need to take medicines at Osmington Bay and so it is important that all medications are stored and organised in a way that enables them to be identified quickly and easily. In support of this, could you please do the following:

- Hand over medications in a resealable container. Depending on the items this could be a zip-lock bag or a lunch box.
- Label the container clearly with your child's name.
- Include instructions with doses so adults can supply children with medication in the same manner they receive it at home.

We would also really appreciate it if you could impress upon your son or daughter the importance of going to their group leader at the time that they should be given the medication.

### **Travel sickness pills**

Please issue to group leaders, if they are needed. We will be **leaving by coach at 10:00am**. **The return travel sickness pill** should be given to the child's group leader, labelled with the child's name and instructions.

### **Departure**

Please bring your son or daughter into the school via the **SPORTS HALL DOOR** by the back playground at **8:40am (normal school time)** on **Wednesday 1st November**. When your child enters the sports hall, they need to find their group leader, sign in and sit with them. This will give you an opportunity to meet the group leaders before you leave and to pass on medication, money and any last minute information. We ask that you say your goodbyes when you drop your children off as we will be leaving school at **10:00 am**.

### **Return**

We are scheduled to return to school at **2:30pm** on **Friday 3rd November**. The coach will return to the square playground at the back of the school. Please meet your child off the coach so that we can ensure that everyone has been safely collected. Your child will need to be signed out by the group leader so please do not take your child without notifying an adult. **If we are running late due to traffic, we will ring the school and they will arrange for communication to be issued.**

### **Lunch**

We are due to arrive at the centre at 11:30am. Please provide **a packed lunch** which your child will eat at the centre when we arrive. If your child receives Free School Meals, please let the office know if you would like to order a packed lunch.

### **Kit**

A detailed kit list is enclosed with this letter. Please **name** everything you possibly can! Ensure that wellingtons are named as clearly as possible - all wellingtons look very similar in the pouring rain! If your child brings a clothes peg to join the two boots together, it will help them to locate them. A separate plastic bag to bring them home would also be a very good idea. As it may be cold, please ensure your child brings a hat, scarf and gloves for outdoor activities. I would also like to reinforce that the children need **long sleeved tops** to take part in some activities so please ensure that there are several of these and plenty of jumpers.

It is also recommended that your child has **2 pairs of trainers**; one pair to keep for the journey and evening games and another pair for activities, when Wellington boots are not suitable. Could I also ask that your child has a couple of plastic bags to put very dirty clothes into at the end of the week.

**(No mobile phones, electronic games or personal stereos to be brought.)**

### **Birthdays**

If your child has a birthday during our time at Osmington Bay, please let me know. In the past, parents have given the group leader cards to be given on the day and even cake for

their child to share with their friends. Birthdays are very special and we will ensure that it is a day to remember.

### **Toiletries**

If your child is taking hair gel with them, please could it be put in a sealed plastic bag so that it cannot leak over their clothing. Also, could I reinforce that **aerosols are not allowed** and that the children should bring a roll-on deodorant.

### **Money**

Children are allowed to bring **five pounds maximum** (in coins only) in a **named** purse or envelope. Please give this to your child's group leader for safe keeping. It will be issued at Osmington Bay, as the shop is only open for restricted hours.

### **EMERGENCY OUT OF SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS**

In case of an emergency while your child is at Osmington, please contact the school office between 8:15 am and 4:00 pm. If you need to contact staff urgently out of school hours, you can reach the school on the following mobile number: 07939 008163

If you have any queries about arrangements, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

**Amelia McCoy**  
**Year 6 Leader**