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Dear Parent/Carer

The Bushcraft Company Residential Trip: The Basics

Date: Monday 15 July to Wednesday 17 July 2019
Venue: Bushcraft Company, West Dean, Sussex
Board: Camping - tents
Transport: Coach

Itinerary:

Monday 15 July

Students arrive at school at 7.30am and are given their groups etc.
Coach to the Bushcraft Company
Full day of activities including camp craft.

Tuesday 16 July

Full day of activities at Bushcraft Company

Wednesday 17 July

Full day of activities.
Leave West Dean 2.30pm.
Arrive at school (Dorking Road layby) approx. 4pm.

Groupings for the trip

Students will be asked to name one buddy for the trip (**essentially to get into pairs**). They will be with this person for all elements of the trip from the coach to the tent. We are keen to encourage the girls to take this opportunity to mix outside of their friendship groups so they may well also be with girls who they don't know yet. I realise that this can be quite daunting for some but it is an excellent experience for all the students and so we appreciate your support with this.

Communication with home

Students are not permitted to bring a mobile phone on the trip. This is a Bushcraft Company rule which we fully endorse to ensure the girls are safe and get the most out of their trip. Please do not send them with a phone.

We will be using the Rosebery Year 7 Twitter account (**@RoseberyYear7**) to communicate with parents throughout the trip.

It is vital that you follow the Twitter account to get an accurate and up to date time for collecting your daughter on Wednesday evening as we will not be able to call you from the coach should there be any changes to our arrival time.

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School staff will have the usual emergency phones which we will give you the details of nearer the time.

Medicines and medical needs

We will take the basic medicines that students already have access to at school eg paracetamol and calpol so there is no need for your daughter to pack these.

If your daughter has an epipen please ensure that she has this on her at all times. We will be moving around the site so please ensure that she has a bumbag to carry it around.

Words of advice from previous Bushcraft-ers

- “Don’t pack too much. Whatever you pack you have to have in your tent with you and that’s less room for games and sleeping!”
- “Bring clothes you don’t mind getting messy. I ended up just wearing the same leggings every day and just changing my T-Shirt a couple of times.”
- “I’m so glad we didn’t take our phones. At first I was worried but in the end it was so nice not to worry about having photos taken or snap chatting my friends or even having to tell my mum I was ok every half an hour. I almost didn’t want it back when we got home!”
- “Don’t be nervous. It was such a great trip and we ate the best food and I made loads of new friends. Just enjoy it.”

Please find attached the Bushcraft Launch Pack.

If you have any questions or queries before the trip please contact our trips administrator pblunden@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk or Ms Lowe, Head of Year 7 hlowe@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss H Lowe
Head of Year 7, Trip Leader

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