



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

10 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Residential Trip to Castle Howard from Wednesday 15 May 2024 to Friday 17 May 2024

As the Year 7 trip to the Bushcraft approaches, please find below the final details and information, which may be useful.

Departure time

We will be leaving school between 09:00 promptly on Wednesday 15 May 2024 – please make sure you arrive at school on time.

Clothing Requirements

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Large rucksack (or alternative bag/suitcase) AND small rucksack for daytimes away from camp
Footwear (at least 2 pairs e.g. walking boots/old trainers)
Warm sleeping bag (season 3 recommended)
Roll mat
Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste, and face wipes
Tracksuit/hard-wearing trousers / T-Shirts / Warm jumpers/fleece
Waterproofs (jacket and trousers) Insect repellent (suitable for midges/mosquitos/ticks)
Warm socks and underwear
Towel(s)
Water bottle
Good torch with fresh batteries (head torch is ideal)
Alcohol hand gel

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Sleeping bag liner / pillow / whistle
WEATHER DEPENDENT ITEMS wellington boots / sun hat / warm hat /gloves / sun cream

Money, Chewing Gum and Sweets

The students do not need to bring any money with them. Pupils must not **bring with them any chewing gum or sweets**. We do not permit eating on the coach or in the tents.

Mobile Phones

With many years' experience of running trips, we ask that pupils do not take a mobile phone with them. The Bushcraft does not have any phone coverage on site for pupils. One of our aims for the visit is to promote independence and traditionally we have discouraged phoning home during the week. The potential problems that may arise with pupils taking mobiles are considerable and they are unnecessary on this trip.

Items such as an iPod/iPad should also not be taken on the trip. Please note our **school insurance does not cover personal belongings of this type**.

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Payment

Please make any outstanding payments in full via ParentPay as soon as possible. If you need to speak to anyone in the Finance Office, please email parentpay@staidans.co.uk.

Medication

It is important that we are aware of any medication that your child takes out of school hours. All medication **must come into school** with your child next Wednesday, clearly marked with their **name, dosage, and times the medication is required and handed into a member of staff.**

Itinerary

Wednesday 15 May 2024

09:00 Pupils depart St Aidan's travelling by coach with York Pullman Coaches for Castle Howard
10:00 Arrive at camp and introduction
Fire Workshop
Lunch
Camp craft / Shelter Building
Supper
Night-time routine

Thursday 16 May 2024

Breakfast
Camouflage and Concealment Exercises / Wilderness First Aid Workshop
Lunch
Scenario SOS / Cutting Tools Workshop
Supper
Night-time Stalking Games

Friday 17 May 2024

Breakfast
Wild Food Workshop / Bushcraft Tournament
Lunch
Leave no Trace Procedures
15:00 Depart Castle Howard
16:30 Approximate return to St Aidan's

Emergency Contact Numbers

We would ask that you do not contact the Centre unless it is an absolute emergency, as we need to prioritise our time to look after your children.

However, if there is a genuine emergency, please use the numbers below:

- 01423 885 814 St Aidan's School during working hours
- 07785 979 914 Mr Holdsworth - emergency out of hours number
- 07470 979 724 Mr Bean (off site)

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Arrival back at St Aidan's on Friday 17 May 2024

We will be arriving back at school at approximately 16:30. If the coaches are delayed, parents will be informed via our website and social media.

All students must be collected from the main hall by a parent/carer. If you are organising for one parent to pick up multiple students, please let school know in advance, otherwise we can only allow students to be picked up by their parent or carer.

I hope your child have a wonderful trip.

Yours faithfully

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