

Liddington Residential
Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6,

It is only a few days before our trip to PGL! I am now able to give you the final few details for our week before we set off.

Activities:

We will be taking part in the following activities over the week:

Abseiling	Challenge Course
Trapeze	Vertical Challenge
Raft Building	Zip Wire
Giant Swing	Jacob's Ladder
Crate Challenge	Sensory Trail
Problem Solving	Climbing
Buggy Building	Archery

We will be in three activity groups for the week - green, blue and yellow groups. I have copied this letter onto the colour of your child's group so that you will be able to keep track when I mention the different group on the blog. Every child will get to take part in each activity. We will all be together for our meals and evening entertainment.

The kit list that I issued a few weeks ago remains correct. Please ensure that your child has lots of clothes that they can layer and that everything is labelled. Layers are very important - it was very cold the last time that we went in March, especially halfway up a climbing wall! Please also try to involve your child in the packing of their clothes etc. - in the past we have had a few children who didn't know what was in their cases and this took them much longer to get organised. We would also please ask that children are able to carry their own luggage as they will need to be able to walk around the centre with it - this may be a bit tricky if everyone is overburdened.

As you can see, we will be taking part in a water activity. A swimming costume/pair of trunks is not essential as, for the Raft Building, children will get into the water with their clothes and shoes on but some children do prefer to have a costume on underneath.

Thank you to FOLMS for donating the PGL sweatshirts which will be ready in school for children to collect on the Monday morning of the residential. We will label these.

Contact Details & Medicines:

Thank you for completing and returning the medical form. If you have indicated that your child will be taking medication during the week (including inhalers), you will have already received an additional form for your completion. Should your child unexpectedly require medication for the week, I will need you to fill in a form to accompany any medication you send. These forms will be available from me at any time.

ALL medication will need to be handed to me on the morning of departure, in a labelled bag. If your child requires an inhaler, they need to show me that they have it with them on the morning and then they will need to hand me a spare one. It is **essential** that we have a spare inhaler for your child.

Day of Departure - Monday 18th March:

We are busy planning lots of team-building activities to get us all in the PGL spirit before we set off!

Arriving at School - Your child needs to arrive at school at the normal time. They need to be in casual clothes and sensible shoes, not school uniform, and the clothes they are wearing should be in addition to that on the kit list. They should bring their luggage to the sheltered area outside the Y6 classroom. Any medication should be handed to me or another member of the Class 6 team.

Lunch - We will be having lunch before we leave and hot lunches will be available as normal. Packed lunches will need to be in a disposable container/bag so that we do not have lunch boxes to worry about on the week away! Thank you.

Leaving School - We are leaving for Liddington at 1.30pm - this is due to the short journey. You are welcome to meet us at the end of the lane to wave us off! We will let school know when we have arrived safely - please keep checking the website for updates. Once we arrive, we will meet our PGL Leader, look around the site, take part in initiation activities and settle into our rooms before our evening meal. We will have an activity in the evening too.

Pocket Money

A reminder that to ensure fairness, your child is allowed to take a **maximum** of £10.00 pocket money. This will be more than sufficient for them to enjoy their shopping! They need to look after their own money and I would suggest a labelled wallet/purse. We encourage the children to write to you but last year discovered that the PGL shop did not sell stamps, therefore you may wish to send your child with some. Please ensure that they know their address and postcode!

Friday 22nd March - Our Return!

On our way back, we will be dropped off around 2pm. This still enables us to have a full morning of activities and lunch before we leave the site. The children will have some time to reflect on the week and share our best bits before being collected at normal time, from Class 6, at 3.05pm. If there is a change in your pick up plans, or you are booking in for After School Club, please let the school office know as usual.

Communication during the residential:

A reminder that the children are not allowed to take mobile phones or contact you during the week - other than send you a postcard. The week is so action-packed it will fly by and it is such a wonderful opportunity for them to become more independent. I am also planning to update the blog whilst we are away, allowing an even more detailed communication between us and home. This has been very successful in the past, just please be patient as the wireless connection is not always reliable! We will do all we can to keep you updated. To access the blog, click on the link on the front page of the school website.

Code of Conduct: I have attached a copy of the 'PGL pledge' that Y6 have written as our code of behaviour for the residential. We will of course have lots of treats and rewards all week and we will always be looking for the positives. However, Year 6 agreed that in order to maintain our high standards, we ought to agree a behaviour system. We opted to use a reminder/warning/time out system. I am confident that we will not have to use this but it helps the children to feel safe and confident if they know what the system will be. I would be grateful if you could talk with your child about this. PGL will also receive a copy of our pledge.

PGL Passports: Year 6 will also have a 'PGL Passport' that we have made to record our journey over the week. They are hoping to collect stamps from each of the activities and meet a few personal challenges along the way.

I hope that answers any questions you may still have had. If I have forgotten to mention anything or you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask me.

We're all very excited about the coming week - Mrs Morrison, Mrs dos Santos and Mr Stratton included! I've got my thermals and extra plastic bags at the ready! I know that we are all set for a fantastic time and I'm sure some excellent memories will be made for years to come.

Best wishes,

Mr A George

Our PGL Pledge

We promise to:



Be polite to everyone;
Be sensible and quiet in our rooms;
Be careful with equipment and other people's
property;
Keep our rooms tidy;
Look after our things;
Be kind;
Support & encourage each other;
Smile & be cheerful even when we are out of our
comfort zones;
Listen to and follow all instructions;
Persevere;
Think of others and work as a team;
Make others feel good;
Make the most of every moment;
Have fun!

PGL Code of Conduct 2019