

REF: Colomendy/KNY/ste

27th January 2020

Dear Parents/carer

RE: Colomendy Visit 26th February 2020

There are now only 4 weeks left until our trip to Colomendy. Please ensure all final payments have been made through Scopay or the school office.

Please find attached an **Educational Visit Medical Information form**. Please complete and return to **The Finance Office by 7th February 2020**

We plan to leave school at 10am on **Wednesday 26th February** from school. On this day children should come to school at the usual time, with their luggage. Luggage will be stored in school until 10am. Children need to come dressed for a walk as when we get to Colomendy we will head off on a walk in Loggerheads Country Park. This is a woodland path which can be very muddy. (I went to test it out last weekend and parts of the path were very muddy and wet). Walking boots, wellies or old trainers would be perfect. **Children also need a packed lunch on this day**. (If your child is eligible for free school meals then we can provide a packed lunch).

Activities at Colomendy will begin at about 2pm with an introduction to the site, a fire alarm drill and preparation of bedrooms. This involves making their own bed (putting on a sheet, pillow in pillowcase and duvet in duvet cover, so practice may help beforehand at home).

We will then complete 2 activities that day, have an evening meal and a tour of the site.

Pupils will be organised into bedroom groups over the next couple of weeks. These tend to be friendship groups. Pupils don't spend a huge length of time in their rooms. Rooms are usually for 2-8 pupils and we will organize this when we receive our allocation. All rooms have ensuite facilities.

During the day and early evening children will be outside. They therefore need warm, comfortable clothing and footwear. Footwear needs to allow them to walk, climb, run, clamber and scramble. We will be den building, team building, solving puzzles, orienteering and exploring.

Three meals a day are provided. Breakfast is a hot breakfast and pupils can eat as much toast, cereal and fruit as they would like. Lunch and Evening Meal is usually a choice of 2 meals with a salad bar and fruit available. Pupils have access to water throughout the day.

There is a shop and vending machines on the site. We will visit the shop once. Pupils can buy the usual range of souvenirs, drinks and sweets and can bring up to £10 to spend at the shop.

You are allowed to send some snacks and drinks for your child as long as it fits inside their suitcase. Please don't send a huge amount as they have plenty to eat.

Computer consoles and mobile phones are not permitted but pupils can bring a teddy, a book, comics, colouring books and pens or a small travel game if they wish for the evenings. They can bring a camera.

We will try hard to add photographs to the school Twitter or Facebook accounts but please be aware that the signal is poor and our main priority is to supervise and be with the children not go in search of a signal. If there is a problem, we will call you or let school know and you will be informed. There is a first aid station and landline phone at the site for use by staff.

If your child needs any medication, please label it and hand it to a member of staff on the morning of the trip. This includes inhalers, travel sickness and any other regular medication. Please for safety reasons do not put medication in your child's bag.

Please only send a small bag or suitcase. Children have to drag or carry their own luggage so please don't overpack. It is 2 nights and 2 days and experience suggests, despite all our efforts they bring back half of what you pack unworn and uneaten!

Clothing list

One bath towel

Toiletries (tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, hairbrush) **No aerosols please as they set off the fire alarm**

Night clothes

Socks and underwear x4

T shirts x3

Long sleeved warm top x2

Trousers x3

Waterproof coat

Warm coat

Gloves and hat for evening activities

Sturdy shoes or wellies (for walking in muddy places)

Trainers for climbing and running activities

Large plastic bag for dirty clothes

Water bottle

Money

Snacks

Medicines (clearly labelled with name and dose)

I will hold an informal meeting in school for any parents who would like me to go through this or have additional questions. This will take place at **9am on Tuesday 4th February** in school.

If your child has specific medical needs (including night time bed wetting, please come and see me anytime).

Staffing

There are only 36 pupils attending the trip now so only one Year 4 teacher will be coming with us (probably Miss Hanrey), I will be going as Senior member of staff, Mrs Law from our Base and Mr. Todd from Pastoral.

We aim to leave Colomendy at about **1pm on Friday 28th February** so should arrive back at school at about 2pm. You can collect your child at that time and take them home or you can collect them at normal time if you can't get away from work or other commitments.

I hope this is useful and provides all the information you need. I hope to have the plan of activities and room allocations this week so we can get groups and rooms finalised.

Yours sincerely



M Kenneway
Head of Primary education