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Dear Parent/Carer,

The following are the final arrangements for the Y6 Robinwood Residential Visit. The children need to arrive at school at **6.45am on Monday 22nd January**; the coach will be leaving school at **7.00 am**. We would be grateful if you say goodbye to your child outside (near the ramp) and allow them to come in on their own, unless you are providing us with medication, as this makes counting and organising the children much quicker and it will ensure a prompt departure.

On arrival the children need to go to their own classroom where they will be issued with a luggage label; staff will help children attach this to their bag/suitcase.

As the journey is quite long, we ask that children bring a non-fizzy drink and a nut free snack such as a breakfast bar or fruit to eat on the coach. Please do not send your children with chocolate or sweets as experience has shown this can cause travel sickness. We stop at a service station; this will be a toilet stop only and children will not be allowed to go into the cafeteria or shop. A packed lunch is not required, as lunch will be provided when we arrive at Robinwood.

Valuables

If the children wish to bring some spending money, there is a tuck/ souvenir shop at Robinwood where items range from about a £1.00 to £12.50 (t-shirt). We ask that children bring no more than £15.

Leave all valuables (e.g. electronics and jewellery) and new or expensive clothing at home. The children should not bring any jewellery as it may cause injury to themselves or others during the activities. Due to safeguarding issues and keeping in line with school policy, Robinwood do not allow children to have mobile phones, smart watches, kindles or cameras (including disposable ones) on site. Children are not allowed to bring sweets.

What to bring

Please see the kit list that was sent home with your child before Christmas.

The children need to come to school on **Monday 22nd January** dressed ready for activities as they will begin their first activity as soon as we arrive at Robinwood e.g. tracksuit trousers/leggings, t-shirt, fleece/jumper and appropriate footwear. The children should bring a suitcase/holdall to hold all of their luggage and then bring a small rucksack for the coach. This small rucksack should include healthy snacks for the journey and books, comics, playing cards etc. to help keep them entertained.



Medication

Please ensure that your child has any medication they need (including travel sickness tablets for the return journey), clearly marked with their name and the recommended dosage. This should be handed in to Miss Vernon, who will be in the hall. (Children should keep their inhalers with them at all times). Please make sure children take any travel sickness tablets for the outward journey before coming to school.

We have found from experience that having a good breakfast helps the children to cope better.

Sickness and diarrhoea

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea in the 24 hours leading up to Robinwood, we would ask that you to abide by the NHS Health Protection Guidelines and keep your child at home as Robinwood do not have the facility to isolate children. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Arrival at Robinwood

On arrival at Robinwood, we shall contact school to inform them of our arrival.

Behaviour

The learning experiences we hope your child will gain from Robinwood require concentration and focus in order for each task to be carried out safely. Furthermore, whilst off directed tasks, children will need to be aware of the respect which is expected in regard to the property and feelings of others whilst away from home. Because of all these reasons, the very best standards of behaviour are essential and expected at all times. Children, as in school, should not take unnecessary risks, should follow the instructions given to them by any of the leaders or supervisors and behave sensibly and responsibly. If we believe that any child's behaviour is compromising the safety or enjoyment of the visit for themselves or others, your child may be excluded from some activities. In more serious cases, we reserve the right to contact parents in order for them to take their child home.

Return from Robinwood

We will be leaving Robinwood at **1.30pm on Wednesday 24th January** and should arrive back at school at around **5.30pm, but please bear in mind that delays can occur. We will contact the school before 4.00pm to inform the office of an estimated time of arrival.** Should there be any delay, the school office will message you with the new arrival time.

On arrival, the children will help to unpack all luggage from the coach and bring it into the school hall. The children will then find their bag and wait with their class teacher.

Please make sure that when you have met your child, you let their class teacher know that you are ready to take them home, so that their name can be marked off the register. This is to ensure that we know your child has got home safely.

While your child is away, if you need to contact us in case of an emergency, please do so by phoning the school office during the day.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
The Y6 Team.