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Dear Parents



Avon Tyrrell - Year 5 - Final Update

With our Year 5 residential trip to Avon Tyrrell approaching, our team would like to give you further details of the centre, activities, timings and kit required.

Day 1 - Monday 19th April

Please drop your child off at Avon Tyrrell, outside the main building, from 8.40 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Also make sure your child has alerted me of their arrival before you go, as they will be led to the cabin area that we have acquired as our meeting point by a member of staff.

Arrivals are not normally expected until after mid-day, so we have a short walk and teacher led activities planned for early morning before we are allowed into the main building.

Please ensure your child has a filled water bottle on arrival and that it is carried in a backpack with a suitable wet weather coat. Children should also wear suitable walking shoes; however wellingtons will not be necessary. Sun cream and a hat are recommended as a precaution if not slightly optimistic!!

Avon Tyrrell will provide lunch on the first day.

Day 2 to Day 4

From Monday evening until Thursday evening children will be undertaking the following activities with qualified instructors:

Kayaking, climbing, abseiling, small mammal trapping, raft building, swimming (weather permitting), archery, mountain biking, problem solving and of course the traditional barbeque and disco on the final evening.



Although Avon Tyrrell staff will be leading the activities, all groups will be supervised and supported by staff from our school. We have also planned in some free time for the children to enjoy with each other.

Day 5 - Friday 23rd April

We are able to stay on site until 12.00 p.m. therefore we are requesting that you pick up your child, again from the main house, between 11.30 a.m. and 12 Noon. Lunch on the last day is not provided.

Meal Times

8.00 a.m.	Wake up call
8.30 a.m.	Breakfast
1.00 p.m.	Lunch
6.00 p.m.	Dinner

There are vending machines on site to buy additional drinks and snacks should your child wish: there are also a few souvenirs available to buy. We recommend pocket money should not exceed £6.00 and please make sure this is in coin form for the machines as change will not be available. Please provide your child with a water bottle to allow them to drink during the activity sessions.

The children will be accommodated in the main house and will be provided with bed linen and pillows. **Sleeping bag and pillows are therefore not required on this trip. Towels and toiletries however are not provided.**

We also advise the following items are packed as a minimum:

1 x rucksack containing.....

- 1 x filled water bottle
 - 1 x wet weather coat (trousers too if you have them)
 - 1 x jumper
 - 1 x hat (and sun cream - you never know!)
- Please wear suitable walking shoes on the first morning.



1 x a named main case/ bag including.....

2 x towels

1 x swimming costume

1 x wash bag that includes shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrush and deodorant.

5 x t-shirts

6 x underwear

2 x fleece jumpers

2 x trousers (long, preferably not jeans for activities in case they get wet)

2 x pairs of shorts

1 x party clothes

1 x set of night wear

A named wallet or purse containing pocket money (in change)

1 x reading book

2 x pairs of trainers (one pair for wet activities)

1 x bin liner (dirty/wet clothing)

1 x sketch book (optional)

1 disposable camera (optional)



Each individual item of medication must be clearly named and placed into a secure Tupperware box that is also named.

Each item of medication must have a set of instructions detailing how often your child must take it.

Finally, please could you complete the medical form attached with this letter and let us know of any changes prior to the trip as well as informing us of your child's current swimming experience using the included slip.

There will be a meeting at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday 31st March after school in Saturn classroom for parents who have any last minute queries.

Kind regards

Rich Warren

Extra curricular activities leader



Avon Tyrrell swimming information



Name of child _____

Please indicate your child's current swimming ability by ticking one of the boxes below.

Non swimmer

5 - 10 metres

11 - 20 metres

25+ metres



Signed _____

Date _____