



13th January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

As you know, from **Monday 17th January 2022 to Friday 21th January**, Year 6 will be going on their residential trip to Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre.

On **Monday 17th January**, children are to come into school for the normal time (gates open at **8.35am**) for registration and we are then aiming to leave school at around **10.00am**. Children can enter via the main gate and take their bags to 6JS classroom using the ramp at the bottom of the KS2 steps. Staff will be on hand to help the children do this.

On **Friday 21st**, we are aiming to return to school so that children can be collected by **3.15pm** from their usual classroom pick up point. If we do arrive back to school prior to this time, we will send a text to all parents to inform you so that you can begin to collect your child slightly earlier if you wish. If someone different will be collecting your child on this day, can you please contact school to let us know.

The **weather forecast at the moment for Laches Wood week is very cold**; therefore, can you please ensure that your child packs plenty of warm clothes, including jumpers, a warm and waterproof coat, gloves, a hat, a scarf and at least one pair of gloves. Please see the kit list for more information on what will be needed. **Don't forget your single duvet cover and pillow case.**

After discussions with the centre, we can confirm that both Laches Wood and school have put measures in place in an attempt to prevent Covid-19 affecting the residential. One of these measures, as you are aware, is that we are strongly recommending that **all pupils complete a Lateral Flow Device Test prior to attending the residential**. Lateral Flow Device Tests (LFDs) can be ordered online at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or collected from pharmacies and specific venues around Wolverhampton, details of these sites can also be found on the link above. If your child is to test positive ahead of attending the residential, unfortunately they will not be able to attend. If children develop symptoms during the week away, they will be sent home to book a PCR test.

On Thursday 20th January, as part of the residential trip, the children will be going for an explorative walk around Carding Mill Valley. In line with our Covid-19 policy, children will be offered hand gel throughout this walk in order to maintain high standards of hygiene without the children having to return to the facilities at the bottom of the hill to wash their hands. **Please provide permission for your child to use this hand gel** using the statements at the bottom of this letter.



Children are able to bring **spending money** with them, however, we ask that **no more than £5** is brought with them during this trip, which needs to be put in a named envelope and then will be kept in a locked cupboard when not in use. Due to COVID guidelines, the children will be given a 'menu' of souvenir items that they can order from the shop where a member of Perry Hall staff will collect and pay. Therefore, we please ask that spending money is brought in **coins, not notes**.

One evening during the week, we will have a **film night**. If your child would like to bring a **small snack or treat for this night**, they can do so. Please ensure that this **does not need to be refrigerated**. This snack will then be given to the Perry Hall staff on arrival to ensure that the children do not have any food in the dormitories.

The sleeping arrangements for the residential will consist of the children sleeping in bunk beds. Bunks will be allocated to children once we arrive at Laches Wood. Please **return the below statement/information to the Year 6 email to give your permission for your child to sleep on a top bunk** if this is allocated to them. Please speak with the Year 6 staff members if there are any issues.

If your child has **any new medical needs or medications, please inform us ASAP** so that medical forms can be amended before the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Year 6 staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C Gibbins
Head of School

Please return the following statements to the Year 6 email at ph.y6homelearning@perryhallmat.co.uk :

Name of Child:

I do / do not give permission for my child to use sanitizing hand-gel whilst at Carding Mill Valley on Thursday 20th January.

I give permission for my child to sleep on a top bunk bed during the Y6 residential.