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Isle of Wight Trip - NEXT WEEK

Thank you for attending the meeting last night - please remember to update ParentPay with your consent for the trip. The children are getting very excited about the upcoming trip and we just wanted to send one final reminder about a few key points. It is **vital** the children have the following equipment with them for the trip:

- Waterproof jacket - **in their backpack**
- Named drinks bottle - **in their backpack**
- Lunch for the first day in a carrier bag - **in their backpack**. **We are not able to provide a school packed lunch - all children must bring a packed lunch with them from home.**
- Bin liner for dirty clothes
- Wash bag and towel
- Stamp and address - more than one if they are sending additional postcards home
- Warm coat/fleece for cooler days and evenings
- Comfortable shoes (more than one pair)

All medication must be handed in to the office and not carried by the children. Please hand this into the office by 8.30am on Friday 10th September.

Children are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones or electronic items which can connect to the internet. This includes equipment, which can be disabled. Children are responsible for looking after everything they bring. Please be aware that sweets are provided for everyone during the week and we ask that you do not pack any extras for your child.

There is an opportunity to spend money at Carisbrooke Castle on the first day, so children may want to carry their money with them in their backpack on Monday.

Children need to be in school at 7.30am, ready for us to leave at 8am. The coach should be waiting, when you arrive at 7.30am, so please leave your child's suitcase at the coach so that it can be loaded. The children need to come into school with their backpack and waterproof coat. You will receive text updates on Friday to confirm our arrival time back at school.

We hope you have plenty of rest this weekend and look forward to seeing you Monday morning. Any queries please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Remember to go to the school Twitter page to view trip updates and photos. We will try to update this every evening, once the children are all asleep - it could be late!

Many thanks

The Year 6 Team



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Healthy Schools

In the current climate, many people will be feeling uncertain; the meeting on Monday 6th September and the information below will help to explain the procedures that we have in place. As staff leading the trip, we will need to make decisions in relation to your child, some related to COVID-19 and some not. You will need to put your faith in our decisions and be clear about what might happen while we are away.

If a child develops symptoms of coronavirus, we will need to send them home; we know this will be disappointing, and could be frustrating if their test comes back negative, but we have to follow current Government guidance.

Any child unable to access the activities through illness of ANY kind, will also be subject to this process.

What happens if my child develops symptoms before the trip?

If your child develops symptoms, you need to book them in for a PCR test. We cannot take your child on the trip if they are awaiting results or are showing symptoms of coronavirus.

What happens if my child is identified as a close contact of someone who has had a positive test?

If this happens before the trip, you need to book your child in for a PCR test. If it happens while we are away, you need to contact the school immediately to discuss what needs to happen.

What happens if my child develops symptoms while away?

If your child is unwell and develops symptoms of coronavirus, we will ring you to let you know - to arrange for you to collect them. We will bring them back to the mainland, but will need you to arrange for them to be picked up from Portsmouth.

Does my child need a mask if they are under 11?

Yes, we would like all children to bring a mask for when we are in crowded public spaces.

Will my child be kept in a consistent bubble?

The children will be in a Y6 bubble for the week. We will group children into smaller, consistent bubbles for activities, meal times and sleeping.

What if a staff member becomes unwell and develops symptoms?

The same procedure will be in place for staff as it is for children. They will return home and book a PCR test. We take more staff than needed to ensure our ratios are enough if any members of staff become ill. In extreme cases new staff will travel to join the group.

What happens if another child gets sent home from the trip?

If another child is sent home, we will inform all parents through the school text message service. This is to ensure everyone has the same information and people don't hear about it on the grapevine. No further action will be required at that point as we will not have a test result. All parents will be informed of the test result and, if it is positive, we will work with track and trace to identify close contacts and speak to parents of those children to decide next steps.

Would it help if my child did a Lateral Flow before travelling?

Providing there are no symptoms - yes. It will give an indication of being 'negative' at the time of taking. It is best to do this the night before travelling. Even though a positive result gives us last minute cancellations, it is the most effective way of ensuring (as far as anything is) that we travel with a healthy group.