

28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very close to the Year 5 residential to Swanage now and we would like to let you know the final details for their visit. As I am sure you are aware, Mr Barry is now on paternity leave and will be returning to school in a few weeks' time. In order to support the residential visit, I (Mr Phillips) will be taking over his role as visit leader for the Swanage residential.

The timings for the morning of the residential are as follows:

7.45 – 8am - Bags dropped off. Please carry luggage and deposit in front of the garage in the visitors' car park where I will be checking it in.

8.30am - Drop off your child to class as usual. Please ensure your child has a suitable packed lunch for the day.

9 – 9.15am - Coaches leave for Swanage. You are welcome to wave your child off.

We realise this may seem an unreasonable delay and a bit of coming and going for you, as parents. However, the timings are important as we have to ensure all bags are ready to load as soon as the coach arrives and nothing and no-one gets left behind.

If your child needs any medication during the residential, you must hand it over to the member of staff in charge of medication for that visit. They will be located in the library when you drop your child off at school at 8.30am. There is a consent form; different to the general visit consent form, that you will need to fill out and without this we are unable to administer any medication. Please do not put any medication, e.g. Travel sickness tablets, Calpol, Piriton, Inhalers etc. in your child's luggage.

Please note that no electronic devices such as: tablets, laptops, electronic games or mobile phones are allowed on the visit - except cameras. However, should your child wish to bring one then we recommend a disposable camera as the school cannot take responsibility, and has no insurance, for any lost or damaged cameras. Please do not send your child with any devices in their bag as they will have to be confiscated and given back to you upon our return.

The weather looks mixed for our week away, so please ensure that your child brings a quality waterproof coat and plenty of warm clothes, a change of clothes for each day and clothes for sleeping.

The link to the school website below should serve as a reminder as to what the children will be up to throughout the week in addition to other key information including kit list and itinerary.

<https://www.guillemont.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/CORC-Kit-List.pdf>

<https://www.guillemont.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Yr5-Residential-Parents-Meeting-6th-Oct-2022.pdf>

<https://www.guillemont.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Swanage-Itinerary-2023-New.pdf>

Please be aware that like all residential visits there is inherent risk in many of the activities we take part in during the course of the visit. Thank you for completing your acknowledgement of risk forms. The itinerary provided above will give a good look at the activities your children will engage with, all of which have been risk-assessed by the school and Cumulus activity centre. If you have any further questions regarding safety feel free to contact me.

We intend to depart Swanage for **return to Farnborough at 1.45pm** on Friday. We expect to be **back at school by 3.45pm** on Friday dependent on traffic. If the time changes on the day, we will let you know. Please make sure that you have collected all baggage and have signed your child out before you leave the school grounds.

As mentioned above, please remember that **you will need to send your child with a packed lunch** in a disposable bag (no fizzy drinks are allowed).

If you have any further questions please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely



Matt Phillips
Group Leader