



**HEADTEACHER:** Mr K Ford

**DEPUTY HEADTEACHERS**

Mr G Pendlebury

Mr N Maguire

12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

**PGL Trip July 13<sup>th</sup> TO July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please find attached to this the final letter and information sheet. I apologise that this is only being sent now, but timings had to be confirmed, given the unique circumstances of the weekend. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about a possible change of departure time; it will stay as originally agreed, but going forward this is an aspect that will be reviewed.

**Timings**

Departure is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, to arrive at approximately 4pm. Return is on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>, the expected time of arrival, back at GMS, is 7pm.

**Twitter@GMS\_Academy**

Parents and carers will be able to keep abreast of events through the GMS Twitter account: the link is on the website. I will inform you when we arrive and will send further updates over the weekend, including the exact time of departure on Sunday. In addition, I will use Twitter to inform you of any traffic delays on the journey home. I ask that you keep an eye on ParentMail, too.

**Cameras**

There are no mobile devices allowed on the trip, so a camera on a mobile phone cannot be used. Of course, conventional cameras are absolutely fine.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Students will attend school in non-uniform, but wearing clothes suitable for a day in school. They will be attending lessons 1-4 as normal. Before morning registration, all luggage, going in the hold of the coach, should be placed in the main hall; all hand luggage stays with the students. Pocket money, of no more than £15, should be packed in suitcases, because it is not required until arrival at the centre. Students are responsible for the money they take with them to the centre.

**Food**

On the day we travel, it is important that your child has a substantial breakfast and eats well at lunchtime, too.

**Medication**

Please ensure **ALL** medication is labelled: **ALL** boys' medication is to be handed to **Mr Ross**; **ALL** girls' medication to **Mrs Gifford**, preferably when the suitcases are deposited in the hall. This includes ALL medicines required as painkillers. It is vital, that if your child has asthma recorded on their medical certificate, that they have an inhaler they can carry with them at all times. (Please note, I will take general painkillers and Piriton, so there is no need to provide these.)

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

We are due to depart from the centre at 6pm and we hope to arrive back at the **FRONT GATES OF THE SCHOOL** at 7pm. We request that you park in the staff car area, so as not to block where the coaches park.

**Emergency Number**

Finally, I would like to ensure that everyone knows the emergency telephone numbers, it is. 03333 212100, 07785 591979(out of hours) **These numbers are only to be used in the event of an emergency.** \_Parents and carers may email with queries to, [sross@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:sross@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

**Sun Protection**

As the hot weather is forecast to continue, please ensure that your child has plenty of sun cream and a hat.

**Activities**

I can confirm that by the time we leave the centre, students will have experienced **all** the activities we have been allocated. Just to clarify, the centre issues a possible list of activities, but it is at their discretion which ones are available on any given weekend. I feel the activities on offer at Lidington this weekend are fair and exciting; the students are going to have a marvellous time. An extra towel is always a recommendation for an activity weekend, such as this is.

**Thank you**

I thank you for encouraging the participation of your son /daughter in this venture and for attending the information meeting. My staff and I are in loco parentis and as such the health and safety of all in our care is paramount. If you were unable to attend this meeting, I am assuming you understand the rules, which are in place for the health and safety of all and will be adhered to by all students.

Importantly, I want to thank the team of volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to ensure this trip runs smoothly.

My staff and I are looking forward to the weekend; please be assured we will do all in our power to ensure this end of KS3 celebration is a special time for all.

Please find attached to this letter an information sheet about electrical equipment, luggage, sleeping bags and snacks.

Yours faithfully

**S Ross**

**Director of Learning Year 9**