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Dear Parent

Year 8 Lake District Trip

Our trip is nearly upon us and I thought a letter regarding what to pack for the trip would be helpful before the half term break. You will find a suggested clothing list for the trip from Real Adventure. Space is very much at a premium on the coach; therefore, I ask for your co-operation in packing your child's clothing into a small soft holdall bag. Please can I ask that no one brings a hard-shelled suitcase. Please note that the children will need a sleeping bag that they can use both in the accommodation, as no bedding is provided, and on our mountain expedition.

The children do not need to bring any specialist equipment with them, as they will be issued with everything they need by Real Adventure. However, if they have their own walking boots (which must have high ankle protection), then they are welcome to bring them. If your child needs to borrow walking boots it would be useful to know in advance of the trip.

We shall be leaving school on Sunday 9th June and the children need to be dropped off outside the Front Office at 8.15am. Please make every effort to arrive by this time. The entry system will be set to open to allow you access. Any medication should be handed to Mrs Hale at that point, clearly marked with your child's name and the dosage. If there is any other current medical information that I need to know, please inform Mr Smith or me before departure. I will also have several blank Medical Form (I) that will need completing by those parents yet to return them.

The children need to bring a packed lunch and drink for the journey. We will have a lunch stop for a comfort break and an opportunity for additional refreshments to be bought. They will therefore need some pocket money; however, this should not be more than £25 and some of this must be kept to buy lunch on the return journey home.

As per the School's updated trips policy, children may not bring mobile phones or any 3G, 4G or internet enabled device with them on this trip. They may bring other games for the long coach journey and are also permitted digital cameras with no internet capability. I will have a school mobile phone 07747 051140 if you need to contact us in an emergency and you can see photos of the trip and follow our progress on the @townclosetrips Twitter feed, where we will also update you on our progress during the return trip.

Finally, can I draw your attention to the fact that all final payments, signed medical and parental consent forms should have been returned to school by Friday 3rd May. If you have not yet completed the forms or made your final payment, please do complete these as a matter of urgency. You'll also find attached to this letter the Real Adventure U18 Medical Form, and we would be grateful if you could please complete this and return it by Friday 17th May.

Yours sincerely

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