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Year 6 Residential 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6,

As we approach the upcoming PGL residential visit, we would like to take a moment to share some important information, that reflects our considerations regarding the current cost of living. In light of the financial pressures many families are facing, we have made the decision not to request parents to purchase a PGL sweatshirt for this year's trip. Instead, we kindly ask that students wear their school jumper or cardigan for both the journey to the centre and the return journey. This will facilitate easier visibility of all students during our time on the ferry and will help us ensure their safety.

Additionally, we would like to remind you that bedding is not included and each child will need to bring their own sleeping bag and pillow. A detailed kit list has been reattached to this letter, ensuring that you remain fully aware of what your child will need to bring. We do advise plenty of layers so please do bear this in mind when packing! If you are struggling for some items, please do pop into Thrive on a Thursday and chat to the staff for assistance.

Furthermore, we will arrange a date later this term for a meeting to discuss both SATs and the residential trip in more detail. This will provide an excellent opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have and to gain further information on our plans.

We have also received questions regarding the leavers' hoody; further details will be communicated for ordering these once we have the final costings from our supplier.

If you would like to find out a bit more about PGL Little Canada please see their website: <u>https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/little-canada/</u>

Payments: As you are all aware sQuid is closing next week. We have recorded all payments and will make sure your new price on ParentPay will reflect the outstanding balance for your child. Should you wish to discuss anything in regard to payments for the visit or pay in person, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support. We are looking forward to what promises to be an enjoyable and memorable experience for the students.

Yours sincerely,

David Page and Louise Ballard







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Year 6 Residential Kit List

Having the correct clothing and equipment to be warm and comfortable in all weathers is vital to enjoying a successful trip. As the saying goes, 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just incorrect clothing.' Please use the lists below to help you pack for PGL; tick off the items as you pack. Please involve your child when packing so that they know where to find things when they are away. This list contains an appropriate amount of clothing to stay warm and dry, however, you may pack more clothing if you wish to. If there are items that are not on the lists below and you are unsure as to whether they are suitable to bring, please ask us for advice. Please do not pack denim jeans as they do not dry quickly and are uncomfortable when wet. Make sure that the clothing brought to PGL Liddington is old and/or cheap; be prepared for anything you send to PGL Liddington to be covered in mud, dropped in water, lost or left behind! It is vital to make sure that ALL your child's clothing is clearly named. Pack your items in a large holdall or suitcase – we have plenty of space on the coach for luggage. Please provide a carrier bag so that your child can put their clothes from the journey in this, ready to be worn for the journey home.

Clothing

- Waterproof jacket
- Warm jacket/bodywarmer
- Sunhat/cap
- Old trainers for water activities (x3)
- Socks (x10)
- Underwear (x10)
- Warm pyjamas (x3)
- Jumpers/sweaters/tracksuit tops (x5)
- Trousers/joggers/tracksuit/leggings (x4)
- Shorts (x2)
- T-shirts (x5)
- Long sleeve tops (x3)

What Not to Bring:

- Mobile phones
- Electronic games
- Sweets
- Penknives/sharp objects
- Expensive clothes or trainers
- Airtags, tracking devices or electronics
- NO DENIM it's impractical when wet and slow to dry!

<u>Equipment</u>

- Small rucksack
- Torch
- Sun cream
- Pencil case
- Paper/book
- Stamps if they want to send a postcard
- Glasses (plus spare pair) if needed
- Sunglasses
- Teddy bear
- Washbag
- Toiletries roll on deodorant (No sprays or aerosols)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Carrier bag/black sack for dirty clothes
- Towel (x2)
- Money £10 maximum for the gift shop
- Lipbalm (recommended from experience)
- Drinks bottle for week
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Regular medicine and completed medication form if needed (see office if any queries)
- A packed lunch for first day (please speak with the office if you would like a cheese or tuna wrap for your child at your normal price)