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Dear Parents of Children in Year Three,

RE: Trip to Bewl Water on Wednesday 12th July 2023

We are planning a visit to Bewl Water. The children will take part in canoeing and paddle boarding in the morning run by Bewl Water Outdoor Centre, and other activities run by staff from Claremont around Bewl Water in the afternoon. These activities will provide “opportunities for the children to take part in outdoor and adventurous activity [that] challenges [them] both individually and within a team” - as stated in the National Curriculum. These activities are accessible for swimmers and non-swimmers.

In order to avoid the costs of a coach, please transport your child to and from the Outdoor Centre. The address is Bewl Water Outdoor Centre, Bewl Water, Lamberhurst, Kent, TN3 8JH. Your child should arrive at 08:40; they should be picked up at 16:00. Here are the directions as provided by the Centre:

“From the A21, between Lamberhurst and Flimwell, turn off at the signpost for Bewl Water. Follow the lane until you have to turn left through a gate on to the Bewl Water site (1km). (Please note: Access via A21 only) If the entrance is manned by Security, inform them that you are completing a course at the Bewl Water Centre. Follow the signs for the “Outdoor Centre” (200m). The road will curve to the right and, on that bend, you will find our entrance on the left. This is the entrance to our car park. Please park in the Bewl Water Outdoor Centre car park, which is in front of our building. This is free for those staying with the children that day or for drop-offs and pick-ups.”

This map shows where the Outdoor Centre is in relation to the rest of the site.



You need to look for this gate.



If you reach the main Bewl Water car park, you have gone too far but can drive back round (in a loop) to get back to this entrance.

If you need to communicate with a member of staff during the day, please do so via the school office at Claremont.

Your child should arrive at the centre in clothes that can get wet, e.g., shorts, tracksuit, t-shirt, warm top. Similarly, your child should wear footwear that they can wear in the water and that will stay on their feet, e.g., trainers. They should not wear wellies, crocs or flip flops. Because of the time of year, no wetsuits will be needed or provided. Please make sure that your child has sunscreen on. During their time on the water, the children will wear helmets, not hats.

Your child should have the following in their bag:

- waterproof coat
- a full change of clothes in their bag, including footwear and a warm top
- swimming costume
- a towel
- bin bag to store wet clothes and shoes
- hat (to keep the sun off or to keep warm)
- sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- packed lunch
- water bottle

Please bear in mind that the water in the reservoir is always a little chilly, and that the weather can be a little variable so when packing your bag remember 'better to take too much than too little'. Specialist equipment will be provided, e.g., buoyancy aid, helmets, etc.

The school will take any medicines that are normally kept in school, such as inhalers and epipens, so you do not need to provide these.

The cost of the activity is £28. Please would you pay your voluntary contribution to help cover these charges via the online payments system, Schoolgateway from 25th May 2023. No child is excluded on financial grounds. Anyone experiencing difficulties meeting the payment should contact Mrs Roberts immediately so that arrangements can be made to assist.

Please read the 'Group Participation Risk Acknowledgement and Consent Form'. (We have stipulated that no photographs should be taken by staff from the Outdoor Centre.) Afterwards, please complete the consent form and return to your child's teacher on Tuesday 6th June 2023 – the first day after the half-term holiday.

Best wishes,

Mr Gerrard and Miss Trevis

Group Participation Risk Acknowledgement and Consent Form
(Text from The Education People www.theeducationpeople.org)

Statement of Risk: Outdoor and adventurous activities often involve learning new skills in unfamiliar environments. As such these activities have an element of risk, which includes a danger of personal injury or death. Participants and/or their parents/guardians undertaking these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions. The Education People ensures that its range of safety management systems are inspected regularly by external National Governing Bodies, including the Adventure Activities Licencing Authority, the Royal Yachting Association and the British Canoeing. The Education People reserves the right to cancel or modify any activity if it believes there to be unacceptable risk attached in offering such an activity to the public. The Education People decision is at its sole discretion.

Statement of Physical Ability: You should ensure that all participants have an adequate level of fitness and a certain level of confidence, in order to take part in the activity that you wish to book. The Education People reserves the right to cancel or modify your activity or booking if your physical ability puts you, other customers, the general public or Activity Centre staff at adverse risk. If you have any concerns please speak to us before your booking and discuss it with our instructors on the day.

Disclaimer: I/We the Customer/s understand that we are taking part in activities at our own risk, and I/We understand that The Education People will not accept liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to customers or their guests except in the case of death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Centre, staff, volunteers or servants of The Education People. The Education People shall be liable to me/us or any other party whether arising in contract, tort, negligence or breach of statutory duty or otherwise arising out of the use of the premises and any other facilities of the activity centre.

Data Protection: Your personal details will be stored and used by The Education People to send you important information on matters relating to activities and events. Your information will not be shared with other organisations or used for any other purpose without your consent. If you supply us with your e-mail address, we will add you to our electronic mailing list unless you opt out. The participants' contact details will not be sold or passed to third parties without your consent. If you do not wish for the participant's information to be used in this way, please opt out on your consent form. The Education People occasionally take photos of participants for publicity, including use on our own website and social media pages. If you do not wish for the participant(s) to be photographed, please opt out on your consent form.

As the parent/guardian of the participant,

Morning activities (on water):

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the conditions as stated by Bewl Water Outdoor Centre / The Education People in the *Group Participation Risk Acknowledgement and Consent Form*. I also state that my child is physically fit to take part in the activities (canoeing and paddleboarding) at Bewl Water Outdoor Centre on 12th July 2023; confident in water (they do not need to be able to swim) and willing to comply with all safety regulations.

I consent to my child receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the qualified medical authorities present.

Afternoon activities (on land):

I consent to my child taking part in a walk around Bewl Water and various games.

Name of child:

Age of child on 12th July 2023:

Emergency contact details (mobile):

Medical details:

Signed:

Date: