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School Journey 28th of June to Friday 2nd of July

Dear Parent/Carer,

17th June 2021

School journey is approaching and we want to be able to give you more detail about the journey and events

The first piece of news is that the venue has been changed. We were contacted just after half term to be told that PGL could no longer accommodate the school at Marchant Hill due to the size of our group and the current restrictions. However, we were then offered a new venue, which is **Osmington Bay in Weymouth.** This is further away, but a lovely site by the sea. (PGL are paying the extra travel cost). On Tuesday of this week, Mr Henshall went to view the site, to see the activities that are possible and ask lot of questions about the site, including how they are managing COVID safety routines.

For the week, the children will have to mix amongst current classes, but this will be strictly limited, to keep safety measures in place. Children will be arranged in to 5 groups of 12. Once in these groups, that group will be their bubble for the week. Accommodation will be in groups of three or four, within those bubbles.

We anticipate that the journey will take about 4 hours, and will include a comfort break.

Due to this, one coach will leave at 8a.m. and one will leave at approximately 8.15a.m. Children will be told which coach they are going on. We hope to arrive around lunch time, then have the whole afternoon to do two activities, in order to make the most of the day.

For everyone's peace of mind, we ask that the whole group does a lateral flow test on Sunday before they go on the trip and we ask that everyone orders these online for their child. The link to do this is:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Those leaving at 8 a.m. should arrive at 7.15 a.m.

On arriving at school, the children who are going on the coach at 8a.m. will arrive at 7.15a.m. They will enter the school through gate 1. Parents should give any medication to Mrs Caluya at the gate. The children will then put their luggage in a specially marked area of a school corridor, then go to their classroom to meet their group leader.

Those going on the coach at 8.15a.m. should arrive at 8 a.m.

They will enter the school through gate 1. Parents should give any medication to Mrs Caluya at the gate. These children will take their luggage to the Treehouse and then go to their classroom.

Please make sure that all luggage is **clearly labelled**. Please make sure that your child can carry their own suitcase. Any medicines must be clearly labelled and given to **Mrs Caluya**.

If children suffer with travel sickness, please make sure that they have any appropriate medicine for the journey to Osmington Bay and the return journey.



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Please give the children substantial snacks and a packed lunch for the journey, (in a separate bag that they can carry on to the coach), as the coaches will stop for a comfort break and children are likely to be hungry! Please ensure that each child has a water bottle. Please send activities for the children to do on the coach, if that doesn't make them travel sick. These should be activities such as Top Trumps or puzzle books. No electronics are allowed by PGL. Please do not give children any sweets or fizzy drinks.

Some children have birthdays whilst on school journey. If you wish to give staff a card or present for your child, please do so.

You have received a kit list from the Year 6 staff already. Due to the venue change there are risk assessed water based activities now available to the children, so a swimming kit, along with a separate towel and old trainers that can get wet, are now needed. **Don't forget to pack a hat and sun-block in their bags which will be with them on the coach!**

We hope to arrive back on Friday at around **2 p.m.** but the staff will keep the school informed of the progress of the journey.

When the coaches arrive back at school, all children will go to the playground (via gate 3) and stay with their group leaders. Once all the children are inside the playground, parents will be allowed into the playground, via gate 1, to collect their child and exit at gate 3 please. We will be operating a one-way system. **In the interest of child safety please make yourself known to the group leader before taking your child.**

Should you wish to write to your child, the address is:

PGL Osmington Bay, Shortlake Lane, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6EG

Staff will have your contact details, if they need to contact you. **If your contact details have changed, please let the office know as soon as possible.** If anyone has COVID symptoms, they will need to be collected by parents as soon as possible.


If you have an issue that means you need to contact the children, please do so in school hours, from 7.45a.m. – 4.45pm.

Normally staff would offer an in school meeting where the parents can ask any questions. To accommodate this, we have arranged for a zoom meeting with the three year 6 teachers via Google Classroom using your child's login details, for **Tuesday 22nd of June 2021 at 4.30pm.** The teachers will add a link at the top of the page before the start of the meeting that will invite you to join. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to email the school office.

Whilst we were a little shocked to be contacted by PGL about the lack of venue availability, the new site seems to be even better than the first, so we are hoping for an even better experience for the children!

We hope this is useful, but please do let us know if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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