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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear family,

Pioneer Kit List

As Year 6's trip to Pioneer is approaching, we'd like to give parents all the information they need regarding what children require for the trip. Below are lists and information suggested by the residential centre themselves:

- **Towels, soap, toothbrush** and other wash-kit items such as toothpaste and shampoo. **Children with long hair may need a few hair bobbles too to ensure they can tie their hair back for activities.**
- **Pyjamas**. All bedding is provided however, we understand that children may find comfort in bringing their own pillow or teddy.
- **Underwear.**
- **Warm clothes**. Sweatshirts, jumpers and jogging bottoms. A hat, scarf and gloves may be useful too.
- **Long trousers** (important for safety on some activities) but not trousers that will be stiff or heavy when wet**, for example jeans.**
- **Waterproof jacket** (and over-trousers if you have them) in case of inclement weather.
- **Trainers**. At least 2 pairs, one that you don't mind getting wet and muddy on activities and another to wear indoors for the dining room, meeting rooms and sports hall. **Wellies are not suitable for on-site activities.**
- **Old clothes for activities** like raft building where children may get wet and muddy.

Extras

Pocket money. Children may bring up to £5 to spend in the tuck shop.
Water bottle to take out on activities.
Plastic bags/bin liners to put dirty and damp clothes and shoes into for taking home.

Items Not Permitted

- **Mobile phones, tablets, cameras & games.** Please leave all electronic devices at home (including hair straighteners and hair dryers).
- **Jewellery.**
- **Makeup.**
- **Your Sunday best!** Leave those new trainers and your favourite sparkly top at home.

NAYC/ACUK - PIONEER CENTRE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR THEFT TO ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY - therefore we advise everyone not to bring expensive or favourite items.

Things To Consider

Children will arrive at Pioneer on Monday morning and their first meal from the centre will be early evening. This means that your child will need to **bring a packed lunch from home on day one**. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like school to provide a lunch for them on this day, please notify the school office no later than Friday 17th October.

Medication – If your child requires daily medication (including inhalers, antihistamines and EPI pens for allergies), please ensure this is given to the Office **first thing in the morning on the day the children leave. You will be asked to complete a form.**

Behaviour – Although children are not on-site, they are expected to adhere to the same school rules. Staff will continue to adhere to our behaviour policy.

Staff will be provided with data sheets for children should they need to contact you in case of emergency. If you have recently changed your phone number and not notified school, please do so. Though children aren't able to call home, we will endeavour to keep in contact with regular text messages and Twitter posts.

Some outstanding balances for this trip remain. Unless you have talked with Mr McLoughlin regarding your payment, full payment for the trip is required before the children depart. For support with ParentPay, please see Mrs Gardner.

The coach will be departing school at 10:00am on Monday 3rd November should you wish to stay to wave the children off. We will be returning to school on Friday 7th November ETA 2-2:30pm. Updates regarding arrival time will be sent by text.

Yours sincerely,

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