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Dear Parents,

Next week, we will be going through Pioneer arrangements with the children. We thought that you also would appreciate a bit of additional information and clarification to help you prepare your children for what we are sure will be a very positive and exciting experience for them.

Packing & Preparation

- CLEARLY NAME ALL CLOTHING AND PROPERTY!
- If possible, choose a soft hold-all rather than a rigid case as this makes storage in the dorms easier and gives the children more space. Please DO NOT WORRY if this is not possible!
- Please allow your children to be as involved in the packing of their bag as possible, this will help them to be more aware of what they have and where it is – it will also help them when packing for the return home.
- For half term homework, we will be asking the children to practise putting on a duvet cover as this will be their first task when they arrive at the centre.
- Please include a NAMED plastic bag for the children to put wet clothes in as some groups will be doing a wet activity on the last morning.
- Your child will need an easily accessible reading book in their bag.
- Please provide a bottle of water for the journey but NO SWEETS.
- If necessary, give your child travel sickness tablets for the journey and provide us with the return journey tablets.

Packed lunch for Monday

- Your child will need to bring their own **packed lunch with them to school on Monday morning** as the first meal provided by The Pioneer Centre will be tea on Monday evening.

Medication

- **Put any medication in a container with your child's name written clearly on the front along with clear instructions and dosage. Please let us know some time this week if your child will be bringing medication.**

Monday morning

- We will ask the children to do the 'big' hugs and goodbyes at home before leaving for school.
- Please allow your child to bring their own bag into the classroom.
- Only come into class if you have to provide us with your child's medication or if you have to tell us some new information.
- Please be aware that if you wish to wave off your child, the coach will not be leaving until 10.15 am at the earliest.

Thursday afternoon

- The coach will return at approximately 3:30 pm and we will phone ahead if delayed for any reason. Please watch the noticeboard outside school for any changes.
- PLEASE WAIT INSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES UNTIL ALL BAGS HAVE BEEN UNLOADED – you will be able to greet your children before collecting bags.
- Be aware that your child's wellies/wet clothes bag may have become separated from their main bag – please ensure that you collect ALL your child's belongings.

DON'T FORGET

- Water bottle – NOT GLASS

NOT ALLOWED

- Mobile phones
- Electronic games/devices eg. PSP
- Extra snacks/sweets
- Cameras – school will be taking plenty of pictures/videos.

ALLOWED

- Maximum of £5 to spend at the shop
- Small bag to take on bus with water/reading book/small cuddly toy etc

Hopefully, this information will help avoid any last minute worries, questions or queries. Your cooperation in these matters will be greatly appreciated and will contribute to the smooth running of the week.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Mrs Morgan, Mr Edwards and the Coleham staff