



Dear parents / carers

27th February, 2018

Grafham Water Trip Tomorrow

I am writing to give you an update on our plans for the residential visit and steps that will be taken due to the prevailing weather conditions.

The Grafham Water Centre staff are very experienced in managing different weather situations on school visits. They carefully tailor the activities to suit the needs of the group and the weather conditions at the time. Over the years, on our visits, there has often been the need to alter arrangements or activities, to suit the conditions as they alter, during the three days we are there.

Knowing that it will be cold for this visit, we have discussed with Grafham, some of the measures that will be put in place, such as increasing the frequency of breaks, serving warm juice and altering the programme so that there is less activity outside, with more activities in the large workshop buildings. We have also for example, booked the climbing wall, so that children spend, on proportion, more time inside than they have on previous visits.

The decision has been taken that we will not do the sailing activity, as conditions are always colder out on the reservoir. Whether children go for the shorter speedboat ride will be decided at the time, depending on the conditions.

During the course of the visit, the planned activities will be reviewed regularly by the course director Adam Williams and ourselves to make any alterations needed due to the changing weather conditions.

We are aware that some of the worse weather, with the possibility of snow, is forecast for Friday. We will be in contact with our coach company as they will be performing their own risk assessments based on the weather conditions. If it is felt to be prudent, they have the flexibility to bring us back to school earlier on Friday if that is felt to be prudent.

Rest assured that we will be monitoring the situation very carefully and will make sure that we maximise the children's enjoyment of the residential despite the challenges presented by the weather! Through regular text messages from school, we will make sure that we keep you all informed and of course, this would include letting you know if there was any change to our intended departure time on Friday.

I hope this letter has been useful in keeping you apprised of our response to the changing weather conditions although if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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