



The Firs

Lower School

## RE: GRAFHAM TRIP

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents,

As you well know, excitement is mounting in Year 4 as we count down to our Grafham trip! I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a few last-minute details and reminders.

### Departure

On Wednesday morning, children are asked to arrive at the hall between 8.45 and 8.55am. They will be required to leave their bags in the hall at their designated team colour and say their farewells before going to be registered in classrooms at 8.55.

We hope to be able to board the coaches by 9.15. Please ensure that you do not park on the service drive as this will impede the coach's entry and exit.

### Uniform / clothing

Non-uniform is to be worn for the entire trip. Children are expected to arrive on Wednesday morning in comfortable clothes and trainers. (With a waterproof handy just in case) On arrival at Grafham, once they have had lunch (prepared by the centre) children will be involved in activities immediately. Please ensure the children have ample warm clothing.

Your child has been given a particular colour to help to identify the group they are in. They will be provided with labels in this colour to go on their bags once they arrive on Wednesday am in the hall. Where possible could we ask that the children's bags be on wheels and of a manageable size and weight, as they have to carry their own bags during their time at Grafham,

### Footwear

Children have been reminded that they will need trainers as well as wellies for the muddy areas. As no outdoor footwear is allowed in the sleep blocks, they will find slippers a useful addition.

### Gadgets

We have told the children that they are not permitted to bring with them any toys or gadgets to include DS's, mobile phones, swap cards, etc. Children may bring a cuddly bed toy and a book if they wish. Please note that you will receive texts to inform you of our general progress from time to time during the course of our trip.

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**Water bottles**

Children have been advised to bring water bottles (plastic ones only) with them so that they are able to stay hydrated, for the coach but especially at night.

**Medical**

Please ensure that any medication is clearly labelled with your child's name and dose required. This includes Piriton, where appropriate. If your child has an allergy to plasters, please include plasters that they are able to use. Also, please be sure to inform us verbally of any changes or additions to any medical or dietary information that we have not been made aware of before. Please give medication to your child's team on the Wednesday morning.

**Return**

We hope to be back at school on Friday afternoon by approximately 3.10pm. All children will go straight from the coach back to class before being released to parents. You will not be able to pick your child up immediately from the bus as we need to make sure that they have the right bag. Soon after the coach's arrival we will invite all the year 4 parents to come and wait in the school hall so your child can be released to you safely. You will of course be notified by text if the arrival time changes.

You may have other questions or queries. If you do, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or any member of the Year 4 team.

Most importantly, please remember that whilst we are away, your treasures will be looked after carefully, kept warm, well fed and very well occupied during their time at Grafham Water! We are all looking forward to our trip.

Many thanks`

The Year 4 team.