



The Firs

Lower School

9th June, 2021

RE: GRAFHAM TRIP
Thursday 24th June 2021 – Friday 25th June 2021

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 Thursday morning, children are asked to arrive at school, at the Year 4 Gate, for 7.45 to 7.55am. They will be required to say their farewells at the gate, then take their bags of spare clothes and any medications into the school hall, leaving them in their designated team colour area with their team leader before going to be registered in classrooms at 7.55am.

We hope to be able to board the coaches by 8.05am. 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 each morning in comfortable clothes and trainers, with a waterproof just in case. On arrival at Grafham, children will be involved in activities immediately. Please ensure the children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather.

The kit list you were issued with will need to be adjusted due to the change in season of the trip. Can we ask now that each child bring a sunhat and suncream. The children can wear shorts and t-shirts, however we ask that the t-shirts have capped sleeves – no crop tops or vest tops, Shorts are to be of an appropriate length.

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 Thursday morning in the hall.

Each child can bring one bag, of a manageable size and weight, containing a set of spare clothes, which can be left in a room at Grafham for the day. The children will also need to have a further **small** backpack style bag to keep with them throughout the day, which will hold their water bottle, (plastic ones only) sunhat and suncream, and their raincoat if necessary. They will be responsible for carrying this bag throughout the day.

Footwear

Children have been reminded that they will need to come to school wearing comfortable, trainers.

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Gadgets

We have told the children that they are not permitted to bring any toys or gadgets with them including DS's, mobile phones, swap cards, etc.

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 journey and sufficient for the duration of each activity day.

Lunch and Snacks

Please be reminded that each child needs to bring a home packed lunch, including a non-fizzy drink, and two snacks, one snack for morning one for the afternoon, on both days. **Please do not send any foods that contain nuts.**

Please place the snacks and lunch in a plastic, throw away bag, everything will need to be disposable. The children can bring their lunch in their backpack that will be with them all day. On arrival at Grafham the food will be placed in a safe place to keep the food fresh.

Medical

Please ensure that any medication is clearly labelled in a separate plastic bag 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 via email in advance** of any changes or additions to any medical or dietary information that we have not already been made aware of. Any emails on the day may not be picked up, due to the early start.

Your child will bring their medication into school on Thursday morning and hand it to their team leader in the hall when they drop off their spare clothes bag.

Return

We hope to be back at school on both afternoons by approximately 4.15 – 4.30pm. All children will go straight from the coach back to their classrooms before being released to parents. You will not be able to pick your child up immediately from the bus. Please do not wait in the service road area. We ask that all parents wait in the main school entrance courtyard at the front of the school, where your child will be released to you safely through the main reception doors. 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, Mrs Baker or any member of the Year 4 team.

Most importantly, please remember that whilst we are away, your treasures will be looked after carefully, and kept very busy and be given the chance to experience some very exciting adventures with their peers during their time at Grafham Water! We are all looking forward to our trip.

Many thanks.

The Year 4 team.