



## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Year 5 Parents,

### **Re. Woodrow House Information, 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Please find below some detailed information about the Y5 visit to Woodrow House. You are invited to a meeting at 3.15pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April to discuss this information in more detail and ask any further questions.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, the children should arrive at school at normal time. They should bring with them their suitcase/bags for the residential. They should be dressed in suitable, practical clothing. They will not need any school uniform for the residential. They will need a packed lunch and drink which we will eat at Woodrow House after our arrival. Our first meal at Woodrow will be the evening meal on the Monday. I would recommend that as much as of this packed lunch is as disposable as possible.

If your child requires any medication, (which must be prescribed by a GP,) then this should be handed to a member of school staff on the Monday morning. Please **do not** pack medication in the children's bags. All medical information must be filled out the medical form which has been sent alongside this letter. This form must be completed and returned by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Please find a detailed packing list of the items the children will need for the Woodrow House residential. **Please name everything, including sun cream and water bottles. Our activity schedule will mostly be outside, enjoying physical and practical woodland based activities. Please do not pack impractical clothing or clothing that you would not want to be ruined.**

The children will need;

- A named refillable water bottle
- A day rucksack (to take on the bus and large enough to contain a packed lunch, drinks bottle and waterproofs.) As we are arriving in the morning, we will not have access to our main bags until we shown to our rooms at around 5pm, so pack what will be needed for the first day into the smaller day bag.
- Several pairs of comfortable trousers/leggings (preferably not jeans as they are uncomfortable if they become wet) and/or shorts depending on the weather.
- Warm clothing such as a tracksuit, long and short-sleeved t-shirts and a couple of fleeces/jumpers. No vest tops please.
- Underwear and socks.
- Pyjamas/nightwear.
- Waterproof coat and trousers.
- Sun hat/cap and sun-cream.
- A towel.
- Personal toiletries (no aerosol products as these can set off the fire alarm.)
- Indoor shoes (eg, clean trainers, crocs, slippers.) Woodrow House are very strict that outdoor shoes should not be worn inside to help keep the building clean and mud free.
- Outdoor shoes or boots – (waterproof trainers, wellies or walking boots are recommended)
- A book/magazine/pens/notebook/cards/travel games. (NO electronics or mobile phones.)
- A bin liner for wet and dirty clothes.

All of our activities will be outside in the incredible woodland setting of Woodrow House. All children will have the chance to participate in the following activities;

- Woodland shelter building
- High ropes and Low ropes
- Crate stacking
- Archery

- Nightline
- Sports Games
- Team building exercises
- Campfire

I will be organising the room arrangements, taking into account the wishes of the children whilst making sure everyone has the best chance to have a good night's sleep. The children will find out who they are sharing with when we arrive at Woodrow House.

We will return to school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and the children should be collected at normal time.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Birley