

# Visit to Brenscombe Outdoor Activities Centre, Purbeck

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Staff attending

Mrs Burr, Ms Rust, Miss Williams, Miss Davies, Mrs Barnes, Miss Madariaga and Mrs Hooker

## Dates and Times

Children should be at school at an earlier time of **7:30am** on the Monday and make their way to the hall for registration. The Coach will leave at 8:00am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, and return at approx. 2:45pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please check our X feed (formerly Twitter) **@ShottermillJrs** (or the school website) for live updates on travel return times.

For full details of activities, please see the attached timetable.

## Address/Emergencies

We are staying at: Brenscombe Outdoor Centre  
Studland Road  
Corfe Castle  
Wareham  
Dorset  
BH20 5JG

The children cannot receive or make telephone calls and are **not allowed mobile phones**. Should an incident occur while we are away, you will be contacted on the emergency number you supply on the medical permission form. Should you need to make contact with your child, this can be done via the usual school number: 01428 642096 (we will have mobile phones with us at all times in case of emergencies).

## Medicines

These must be clearly labelled and **handed to the designated member of staff when you drop your child off in the hall on Monday morning** (or beforehand to Harriet Johnston in the School Office). Each group leader will carry the medication for their group so please understand that we can only take prescribed medicines which are labelled for your child. We are also obliged to administer medicines according to the instructions printed on the packaging. Children with inhalers should hand one in to the designated member of staff and carry a second one with them at all times. Please ensure that the medical and emergency contact details form is fully completed and returned to us as soon as possible.

Please note that necessary personal / medical information about your child is shared with Brenscombe Outdoor Centre in order to safeguard them and it will be destroyed once the trip has ended.

Please **always** ensure that we have up to date medicines in the school Office – for example Epipens.

## Conduct

I am sure that you will understand that, given the great responsibility of looking after a large party of children, we shall expect their **full co-operation**, and we would be grateful for your support in the matter. It should be stressed that it is the children's responsibility to behave well, to stay within sight and earshot of their group leaders at all times and to follow all instructions from staff or instructors.

We are sure that your child is looking forward to this trip and that it will prove to be a memorable experience for him/her.

## Accommodation

The party will be staying at Brenscombe Farm in Dorset for the entire week. The buildings have been converted to provide activity and study rooms, washrooms and shower blocks. The children will be sleeping in 3 – 7 bedded rooms and the staff will be present in each block. All the meals will be provided by the centre and there is no need to provide 'extra' food, sweets or drinks as they are not allowed in the rooms. Your child will need the items on the specific activity clothing list provided earlier today.

Please do not pack any notes written to your child. As lovely as this is, we find this can sometimes upset more than it comforts them and is also upsetting for those children who do not receive a note from their own adults.

## Day 1

We will depart at **8:00am** and will travel directly to Brenscombe. When we arrive we will rehearse fire procedures, explain boundaries and important rules to children. After bed making and unpacking, children will participate in activities in the afternoon.

**Your child should wear on Day 1:** Jogging bottoms, leggings, walking shoes / trainers, t-shirt and a fleece.

They should have with them a **good sized day rucksack**. Please refer to the kit list for the rucksack.

Top tip: Providing a waterproof rucksack protector will help your child's belongings stay dry when wet.

## Packing for the week ahead

- In addition to the good sized day rucksack, your child will require **one large holdall / 'squashable' suitcase** containing all of their clothing and belongings;
- Remember when packing that the children will need to be able to carry their own belongings to and from the coach. **Pack your child's belongings with them – ensuring they know what clothes can be worn for each activity!** (We will also provide reminders every day);
- Please do not pack your child's best clothes! Practical clothing for outdoor pursuits is best. If the weather forecast for the week is poor then extra clothes/footwear should be packed. Please try to pack plenty of layers and clothes which **dry quickly**.
- **Name everything please!**
- **Please leave jeans at home.** They are restrictive, rub easily and if they get wet, they take a long time to dry. **Wellies are also not suitable for this trip.**
- All t-shirts should have sleeves - no strappy t-shirts or vests for safety reasons.



**Activity Clothing List:**

| <b>Big Canoe / Kayaking</b>  | <b>Low / High ropes course</b>  | <b>Powerboat / trip to Swanage</b>   | <b>Abseiling / Rock Climbing</b> | <b>Raft Building</b>   |
|--|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Long leggings / bendy trousers  |  | Long leggings / bendy trousers   |  |
| T-shirt  | Long sleeved t-shirt            | T-shirt  | Long sleeved t-shirt             | T-shirt  |
| Quick drying long shorts   |                                 | Long shorts or quick drying trousers   |                                  | Quick drying long shorts   |
| Water shoes<br><i>(flip-flops are not suitable as they easily float away and crocs will get stuck in the mud!)</i> | Sturdy trainers / walking shoes | Trainers / water shoes<br><i>(flip-flops are not suitable as they fall off feet into the sea!)</i> | Sturdy trainers / walking shoes  | Water shoes<br><i>(flip-flops are not suitable as they easily float away and crocs will get stuck in the mud!)</i> |
| Fleece   | Fleece                          | Fleece   | Fleece                           | Fleece   |
| Waterproof coat  | Waterproof coat                 | Waterproof coat  | Waterproof coat                  | Waterproof coat  |

It is not necessary to bring a football – we will have plenty of sports and play equipment with us for evening activities.

**If you have any further questions, please do email or speak with a member of the School Office.**