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Dear Parent/Carers,

Headteacher: Alan Gray, M.Sc., F.R.S.A.
Deputy Headteacher: Caroline Creaby, BA, M.Ed., Ed.D.
Deputy Headteacher: Mark Nicholls, BA (Hons)

Year 7 Bushcraft Trip (Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd June)

With the Bushcraft Trip fast approaching, I am writing with an update about arrangements for the trip and to request that you return a medical consent form before Friday 19th May.

The medical consent form is attached to this letter. If you are able to print, complete and ask your child to bring into their Form Tutor, that would be appreciated. If you would like a paper copy, please ask your child to collect one from me in school. In completing this form, it is helpful to assume that we do not know anything about your child's medical or dietary needs, even though it is likely that we do from previous trips or information held in school.

The trip is taking place between Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd June. We are travelling to the Boughton Woods site in Northamptonshire. I intend to send a full itinerary, kit list and further detail relating to logistics and expectations before the end of term. If you are yet to do so, you can get a good sense of the fun that lies ahead by visiting the Bushcraft website, using this link: https://thebushcraftcompany.com

Once at the site, students will be organised into 3 camps with approximately 60 students in each camp. Within these camps, the students will be organised into tribes of approximately 16 students. Students will sleep in single sex tents that sleep approximately 12 students. We will be giving the students an opportunity to express preferences over friendship groupings on Wednesday 17th May and will use this information as part of the process of constructing the groupings as described above. I will put a post on the Year 7 Google Classroom explaining how we will carry out this process on Monday 15th May.

For your information, I will also be asking students to complete a Google Form in registration to tell me about dietary requirements and medical conditions. This is purely to give me a head start on putting this information together, but it will be the medical consent forms you complete that inform the final information I provide to our staff and Bushcraft leaders to ensure we are able to care for your child effectively.

I appreciate there may be specific questions or individual circumstances that require further discussion or planning before we leave on Wednesday 21st June. Where possible, if you could wait until you have received the more detailed information at the information evening on Thursday 25th May to get in contact, it would be appreciated. There will be opportunity for any necessary meetings or conversations as we return from half term in the week beginning Monday 5th June.





















Thank yo	u in	adva	nce for	comple	ting ar	ıd returr	ning the	medical	cons	ent fori	n as	soon	as
possible.	We	look f	orward	to enjo	ying th	is Bush	craft ad	venture v	with y	our chi	ld.		

Yours sincerely,

Frances Batten

Performance Director: Year 7