

Bewl Water Residential April 2024

Dear Parents

Thank you for your ongoing support with the organisation of next term's Year 5 residential at Bewl Water. It was lovely to see so many of you at our information evening on Tuesday, although we appreciate that the day and time did not work for everyone. Apologies if some of the content of this letter is repetitive but we want to make sure everyone has the information they need.

If your child is not accompanying their class to Bewl Water next week, they should attend school as usual and join the other Year 5 class. If your child does not attend without good reason, it will be considered an unauthorised absence.

Consent forms

These can be downloaded from the website or a paper copy can be obtained from your child's class teacher. It's vital we know of any medical or dietary details for your child that may not be on Arbor, as well as having a first contact number in case of emergencies.

Kit List

These can be downloaded from our website or paper copies are available from class teachers. A reminder that one thing that is purposefully not on the list is mobile phones or any devices that allow them to connect with home. This is partly because the opportunities for these to be lost, broken or left behind are high and contact with home tends to increase rather than alleviate any home sickness; the main purpose of a residential is for the children to develop their resilience.

Payment

Please ensure your payments are up-to-date **before** your child's residential as the school needs to pay Bewl Water.

Dropping off and collecting children

Thank you so much for everyone's support in arranging for children to be taken to and from Bewl; whilst it has definitely kept the costs down, we know it has meant extra work for all involved.

Bewl Water is well signposted from the A21 and will be on the right, assuming you are coming from the Tonbridge direction. Continue along Bewlbridge Road for a mile or two and Bewl Water is, again, clearly signposted on the left. You will pass a small hut and car park on your right – ignore these and continue on. Continue past Southeast Water and the road will bend round to the right. As you leave the bend, the entrance to the Outdoor Centre is on your left. If you find yourself heading up to the main car park at Bewl Water, you have gone too far!

There is a reasonable sized car park directly outside the Outdoor Centre but this is used by the Bewl staff as well, so we do not expect there to be space for every Sussex Road car to park at once; to avoid congestion, we encourage you to drop your child(ren) off, say your goodbyes and depart. If you have medication to give to an adult, see below.

On arrival day, children should arrive **by 11am**, although no earlier than 10.40am. Children **do not** need to come to school beforehand. Sussex Road staff will be at the entrance to direct the children to the communal area where Bewl staff will give a welcome at 11am. For safeguarding reasons and to make drop off as smooth as possible, we ask that parents say their goodbyes outside of the building.

On departure day, children need to be collected **at 1.30pm** from the same place. Before leaving with your child (and any others you have kindly agreed to transport), please sign out with a member

of Sussex Road staff so that we can be sure all children have been safely collected. Children **do not** need to return to Sussex Road.

Medication

If your child needs medication during their stay – whether this is a regular dose or as the need arises – it must be handed over to either Mrs Lee or Miss Hooper, by an adult. It should be clearly marked with your child's name and any instructions for administering it – all prescribed medication should have the prescription label on it. If you have any concerns over medication, particularly if it will not be you dropping your child at Bewl, please speak to Mrs Lee or Miss Hooper during the first week back.

Kind regards

Mrs Pullin