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Dear Parents

Re: Hooke Court Residential Trip

We are writing to summarise the points discussed at the information evening.

- 1) Hooke Court is a residential centre near Beaminster, Dorset.
- 2) We will be leaving school at 9.00am on Monday 30 October and will return at approximately 6.15pm on Wednesday 01 November. We will be in contact with school on our return journey in case of any delays.
- 3) The children need a packed lunch on Monday.
- 4) The children will be housed in two dormitories, one each for the girls and boys.
- 5) The members of staff going with the children are Mrs Holyoak, Mr Stevens, other members of staff will be confirmed nearer the visit.
- 6) The children will be taking part in a number of outdoor and indoor fun and educational activities.
- 7) If your child wishes to bring an inexpensive digital camera, instead of a disposable one, that is fine, but we cannot be liable for any damage or loss!!
- 8) Please note, as mentioned on the kit list, a school sweatshirt is required for the children to wear on Wednesday afternoon during our trip to Bovington Tank Museum.
- 9) Please pack your child's kit in a holdall type bag. We are only going for 2 nights and the children will be carrying their own luggage!

Please note the emergency contacts for the duration of the visit are:

Daytime: Mrs Anne Addiss on the school number 023 80265255

Outside of School Hours: 07599 636742

We have enclosed a kit list and a medical/contact form which needs to be completed this weekend; please can you return it to school on Monday.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Holyoak or Mr Stevens.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Holyoak

Mr Stevens

Essential Items for a stay at Hooke Court

Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty – so old clothes are best! We try to help children look after their things, but items regularly get lost or left behind. We therefore strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing – and provide your child with a packing list, so that he/she can check items back into their bag.

Please use the following checklist to help pack bags:

- Toiletries bag containing: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc (no aerosols)
- Towels
- Night clothes
- Socks and underwear
- T-shirts, shirts / blouses (at least 1 with long-sleeves)
- Thick sweater or sweat shirt, lighter sweater for inside
- Trousers, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, shorts or skirts as required
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- Sturdy shoes or wellingtons – necessary all year round for outside activities
- 1 Pairs of trainers
- Indoor shoes and slippers
- Cuddly toy
- Torch (particularly necessary for night walks and Murder at Hooke Court)
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Gloves, hat, scarf
- Water Bottle
- Disposable Camera
- Lunch for Day One
- Red Merdon Sweatshirt

* Please note that outdoor activities require long sleeves and long trousers even in the summer to protect legs and arms from scratches, ticks etc.

Please do not send mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, ipods or mp3 players, expensive or much-cherished jewellery, expensive or favourite clothing or shoes. All accommodation is locked securely but we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.

No hairdryers or straighteners.