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Dear Parents / Carers,

VENTURE CENTRE TRIP INFORMATION

We are relieved that the Venture Centre Residential will be able to go ahead this year. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered some of their time to help run this year's trip. The trip always proves to be great fun for all involved and a valuable learning experience - we are all very excited!

Date

Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th June 2024

Address / Contact Details

Maughold Venture Centre, IM7 1AW; admin@venturecentre.im; 814240

Travel Arrangements

We will travel by coach to and from The Venture Centre:

- Leaving Onchan at approximately 9.30am on Wednesday 26th June. ***Children should be dropped off at School at 8:40 sharp.***
- Returning to Onchan at approximately 3:15pm on Friday 28th June. The children will disembark the bus, collect their bags and return to their classroom. You will need to collect them from their usual school collection point. Any medication that needs to go home can be collected from their classroom at the end of the school day. ***Please wait until your child is dismissed by their teacher before collecting them.***

Cost

The cost of the Venture Centre trip is £190 per child. This can be paid via Parent Pay in instalments. The final payment of the trip must be paid by Thursday 30th May before the half term break.

Your child may bring a maximum of £6 to be spent at the tuck shop. This must be handed in **by Friday 21st June at the latest**. This will be placed in a clear, labelled money bag and handed out for use at tuck shop only if there is time available and at the discretion of the accompanying teaching staff. Any unspent money will be returned at the end of the trip.

Parent Helpers

Can the parents who have volunteered their time for the Venture Centre trip please share their DBS with Miss Comny in the school office or speak to her about completing a DBS check. We will be in touch closer to the time with information on your time slot to help on the trip.

Food

The Venture Centre provides three meals per day. They try to be as accommodating as possible and there are always a variety of options. However, before the trip please discuss with your child the fact that they may need to be a little more adventurous than usual. A sample menu can be found at https://www.venturecentre.im/page_95766.shtml. This gives you an idea of what is available but remember that this is an indication only and the actual meals on any given day may well differ. Please ensure we have been made aware of any genuine special dietary requirements beforehand (this should be included on the medical form). There is always plenty to eat so please do not provide your child with additional food. There is a tuck shop for snacks, drinks, and small souvenirs (see below).



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Valuables

No valuables should be brought to the Centre. This includes mobile phones, other electronic devices, expensive watches or jewellery of any kind. The only phones brought to the Venture Centre will be those who need specific apps due to medical reasons (e.g. Dexcom). Any valuables will be confiscated and looked after by the group leader until our return.

Medication

Please complete the attached form and bring any medication into school **by Friday 21st June at the latest and not on the morning of the trip**. This needs to be in a clearly labelled bag or container, with clear instructions for administration times and amount needed. If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure you have given appropriate medication prior to leaving home; if the same is required for the return journey, these should be given to staff prior to departure and mentioned on the medical form as for all other medication. All staff at the Centre are qualified in First Aid. Please ensure 2 inhalers are provided for all asthma sufferers: one to be carried by the child and a spare to be carried by their group leader. The same applies to epi-pens.

Activities

The activities will include some or all of the following: Abseiling/climbing, agility course, air rifle shooting, archery, crate stacking, fire lighting/bushcraft skills, gorge walking, raft building, team games, wide games, coastal walk. The precise itinerary may be subject to change depending on conditions, time available and at the discretion of teaching and Venture Centre staff.

Accommodation

Children will be accommodated in single sex dorms. The groups will be mixed, and children will not be able to choose who they share a dorm with. We will endeavour to ensure that all children share a dorm with at least one good friend. All school party leaders sleep in separate rooms nearby. All dorm doors have a code lock for security purposes.

Communication

In the case of an emergency, please call the centre on 814240 if you need to speak to your child or a member of staff. Alternatively, you can call Onchan School during school hours on 673465.

Kit List

We have also attached a copy of the kit list. Every child will be required to bring these items as the Venture Centre does not provide them.

If you would like your child to attend the Year 6 Venture Centre Trip, please give permission on Parent Pay.

If you have any concerns, please get in touch with one of us as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
The Year 6 Team