



**31st January 2023**

**Dear Parents/ Carers**

**RE: Viney Hill Parents' Meeting Notes**

This letter contains information that will be discussed at the Viney Hill meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm in the school hall. Please come along to the meeting if you would like the chance to hear us talk through this information or ask questions/ make specific requests of us. If you have further questions but can't make it to the meeting, please don't hesitate to get in touch. This meeting is for parents/carers only.

**Activities:**

- Group 1: Canoeing, Biking, Quick Jump, Climbing Wall, Abseiling**
- Group 2: Biking, Abseiling, Canoeing, Quick Jump and Climbing Wall**
- Group 3: Abseiling, Quick Jump, Climbing Wall, Canoeing and Biking**
- Group 4: Quick Jump, Climbing wall, Canoeing Abseiling and Biking**
- Group 5: Climbing wall, Quick jump, Canoeing, Biking and Abseiling.**

**Evening activities:**  
**Night hike**

**Accommodation**

Pupils will be able to stay in chalet style buildings or tents whereas the rest will be in the main house. Due to the chalets and tents being unheated, pupils staying in them will need to bring warm night clothes to sleep in as well as a sleeping bag, roll mat, torch and hot water bottle (those staying in the house will have bedding provided.) Up to 8 pupils will be able to stay in each chalet or tent and there will of course be a member of Minchinhampton staff sleeping outside in a tent. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to be able to offer a place in the chalet to all pupils. Please complete and return the attached form either at the meeting or by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Dietary considerations**

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Please fill out the form attached regarding any dietary needs your child may have and hand back to the school office by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February or at the meeting. There will be copies available at the meeting.

### **Medical needs**

Attached to this letter are two medical forms, a green one and a lilac one. The lilac one is the Viney Hill medical form. The green form covers two purposes: to inform us about any medication that your child takes and to give your consent to medical treatment. If your child needs to take travel sickness medication prior to a journey, please include this information on the pink form. Please ensure that both forms are returned to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February or alternatively at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. There will be copies of these forms available at the meeting.

### **Pocket Money**

The shop at Viney Hill's is not always available. We are therefore not asking pupils to bring pocket money with them this time around.

### **Sweets**

We will take some sweets with us as fun prizes and/or treats for everyone. We do not want children to bring their own sweets please. If they do bring them, we will keep them safe until we arrive back. Please can you encourage them to respect this rule and assure them we will have plenty of treats with us.

### **Kit List**

This will be sent out on Thursday and available at the meeting. In addition to the items on the list, children will also need night clothes and clothes to wear in the evening. These can be scruffy clothes as mentioned on the list or maybe jeans if children prefer. If the weather is particularly wet, it would be useful for the children to have wellies to wear for the night walk. Torches are essential for pupils staying in the chalets and would be useful, but not essential, for those staying in the house. The journey to Viney Hill is relatively short so please iPods and other electronic games, including phones, must be left at home. Pupils may bring cameras, which must be clearly labelled. It would also be advisable for children to bring plastic bin bags (at least 2) to store any damp or dirty clothes.

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### **Contact whilst we are away**

We will be taking blank postcards with us so that the children can draw their own postcards and write home on the first night (and on subsequent nights if they so wish). During the trip, children will be able to send postcards/letters. Please send them with stamps and addresses if they wish to send cards to anywhere other than the home address. Please note the children cannot receive post or phone calls while they are at Viney Hill.

### **Departure**

Please could your child be at school, with their luggage, at 8:45am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All suitcases need to be lined up on the bottom playground if it is dry and in the hall if it is wet. Please give all medicines to the member of staff sitting at the 'medicines table.' Children will need to keep their day bags, including their lunch, pocket money (see below), waterproof coat and water bottle with them.

### **Returning home**

We will arrive back at school at 2:45pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We ask that parents, unless helping to unload the coach, remain on the playground until all luggage and pupils are off the coach. Pupils will remain on the coach until all luggage has been taken off. Before taking your child home, please see Mr Moss to sign them out. Please see a teacher if you need to collect any medicines.

Yours sincerely

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## **INFORMATION PLEASE**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **VINEY HILL ACCOMMODATION**

*Please tick – for pupils that don't mind where they stay, please tick any that apply!*

My child would like to stay in the house

☐

My child would like to stay in the chalet style building

☐

My child would like to stay in the tent

☐

### **For pupils wishing to stay in the chalet only**

*Please tick*

I am able to supply my child with warm bedding, a hot water bottle, warm night clothes, a roll mat and a torch

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### **VINEY HILL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

Has your child any special dietary requirements (eg vegetarian or vegan); or food allergies (eg to nuts)?

YES/NO (delete as applicable)

If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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