

# Ghyllside Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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## Y4 Robinwood – Final Arrangements

This letter contains all of the final arrangements for the Robinwood visit. We've also attached a spare kit list to this letter.

### **Departure arrangements:**

Children come into school at normal time on Monday morning (in clothing for an outdoor walk) to Miss Crowley's classroom. We will not leave until 9.15am. All children can bring a morning snack but lunch is provided by Robinwood. Please do not allow your child to take sweets, fizzy drinks, chocolate or computer games (or anything else that uses headphones) on the coach for the usual health and safety reasons.

### **Activities**

We will be doing many outdoor activities so don't worry about sending the children with scruffy old clothes; as adults we will be taking our oldest clothes. As long as they are warm and dry it does not matter. A black bin liner for wet stuff/dirty washing is essential, as is the name sticker on it! No matter how hard we try things seem to disappear into a Bermuda Triangle somewhere between the drying room, the children's bags and the coach! We have enclosed a copy of the timetable planned for your child's group – you can see how busy we are going to be!

### **Money, Mobile's, Camera's**

There is a small tuck shop and your child may wish to bring a little money for it. We would suggest no more than £10. This will be your child's responsibility at all times and should be kept in a purse/wallet clearly labelled with their name. Children should not bring mobile phones or camera's as there is no need. There is a perfectly good landline at the centre and staff will contact you if there is a problem. We will also take school cameras.

### **Medical Information/Travel Sickness and Inhalers**

We will take your child's medical information with us and the centre staff will have copies of these forms. In addition to this, if your child requires an inhaler, please ensure that they have it with them with their names clearly written on it and that it is placed in their rucksack on the coach – it's no use in the luggage hold where the main bags are stored for the journey! If your child requires travel sickness medication, please administer it on Monday morning prior to travel and provide the correct dose in a clearly marked envelope for staff to administer on Sunday before departure. The medical forms make no mention of applying plasters to small cuts and grazes. We will assume that this is alright unless you tell us otherwise.



## Return Details

We will leave Robinwood at 2.30pm. We will have our lunch at the centre and aim to be back at school by about 4.15pm, depending on traffic. If we are going to be late we will contact school and a message will be passed on to the parents waiting.

## Emergency Contact

In case of dire emergencies and you need to contact us, the centre details are as follows:  
Robinwood Outdoor Centre Head Office  
Tel: 01706 814554

## A final word of thanks...

We know that the children are really excited about going and we hope that we get fantastic weather. Good weather or not, we know we will have a great time as we always do; the children will gain many magical memories that will live with them for a lifetime and probably make some new friends too. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support enabling this visit to go ahead; outdoor education is one of the most important things a child can experience and always opens their eyes to new experiences and the beautiful environment that we live in.

Many thanks,

Lindsey Longcake

Paul Giblin

Lindsey Gillett

Andy Phillips



## Suggested Clothing List

There is no need to go out and buy anything special for a trip to Robinwood, all specialist equipment is provided for our on-centre activities.



The clothing list given includes clothing being worn on the journey, so for example assuming you are wearing socks and underwear on your journey to Robinwood, you only need to pack 5 pairs of each!

- 3 T-shirts (not vest type)
- 3 Sweatshirts/(long sleeved) tops
- 3 Pairs of trousers
- 2 Pairs of shorts (mid thigh or longer for harness comfort)
- 6 Sets of underwear
- 6 Pairs of socks
- 1 Pair of trainers
- 1 Pair of outdoor shoes/boots
- 2 Towels
- 1 Coat (ideally waterproof, required for walk to and from centre)
- 1 Warm hat/sun hat
- 1 Pair of gloves
- 1 Set of nightwear
- 1 Bag of toiletries (including suntan lotion/insect repellent in warm weather).
- 1 Black bin liner

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED APPROPRIATELY WITH SUITABLE FOOTWEAR FOR AN INITIAL WALK TO THE CENTRE/INITIAL ACTIVITY (APPROX 1-2 MILES DEPENDING UPON CENTRE)

### Notes on the suggested clothing

1. We have a drying room and also provide a laundry facility for children's clothing at Robinwood. Wet and/or dirty clothing will be washed on a 30 degree cycle and dried in a tumble drier. Please do not bring any new or expensive items, or any items which cannot be tumble dried. Please note that for water activities on the last day we cannot always offer this service.
2. As a result of the provision of specialist Robinwood clothing and the laundry facility offered, children do not need to bring much additional clothing with them. Keeping the clothing brought by children to a minimum helps us to reduce lost property.
3. Due to the nature of the activities it is possible that clothes may occasionally get damaged. All clothing should be suitable for use in an outdoor, and often muddy, environment. Old clothes are best, not new or expensive clothing.
4. Outdoor shoes/boots. Walking boots are great for this, but a strong pair of shoes would be suitable and trainers would be ok. in fine, dry weather. You definitely don't need to buy walking boots especially for the Robinwood trip. Robinwood provide wellies when appropriate.



5. Jeans are not suitable for our activities, as they are cold and restrictive when wet and difficult to dry. Leggings are not really suitable for outdoor activities, however tracksuits or jogging bottoms are ideal, but other trousers would also be fine.
6. In hot weather sun lotion and insect repellent are strongly recommended. In cold weather it would be good idea to bring some wan gloves.
7. Please ensure, wherever possible, that items brought to Robinwood are marked with the child's name. It is really helpful if the school name can also be indicated. We do our very best to return all property to the children that it belongs to. This is made much easier if items are named.

*Items NOT to bring*

1. Please do not bring items such as mobile phones, any type of cameras (including disposables), computer games, iPads/tablets, personal stereos, expensive watches etc.
2. Although at some centres you are asked to bring your own bedding, there is no need to do this at Robinwood as all bedding is provided.
3. Please do not bring any aerosol sprays. Our fire alarm is sensitive in order to ensure high standards of fire safety and aerosols sprayed near any of the many smoke alarm sensors can set off the fire alarm for the whole centre

