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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In this letter we will give you all the information you need before you send your child (or children) to Camp with us. We'll tell you the address of the site, emergency phone number (see bottom of second page) and a lots of other important information.

The campers will be travelling down to Camp by coach on Tuesday 26th July. Collection times & locations are as follows:

- 8.30 am **Lovat Hall**, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0EJ
- 9.15 am **Water Eaton Church Centre**, Drayton Road, Bletchley, MK2 3RR

For the return journey, on Thursday August 4th, the coach will be leaving St. Ives at approximately 10:30 am and will drop off at the locations above but at Bletchley first. We expect them to arrive back at Bletchley at 4 pm and Newport Pagnell at 4.45 pm. Of course these times are dependent upon the traffic, but we will endeavour to let you know of any serious delays.

The Staff member in charge on the journey to Camp is Lucy Brown, who can be contacted on 07929 452804. For the return journey you can contact Barbara Bedford on 07866 273050. If the coach is running late on the return journey, we will do our best to get in touch and let you know.

To ensure that we can properly look after your child we ask that you fill in a consent form (which you should have received with this letter). This provides us with any relevant medical details we may need in an emergency. **It is important that you return the completed consent form by Friday 8th July.** This gives our Medical Officers time to clear up any queries they may have before we leave on the Advance Party. We appreciate your co-operation in this very important matter. If your child comes into contact with an infectious illness after you have returned the consent form, **it is vital that you contact me on the number above.** Please return the form to your child's Group Leader and they will return it to me. [Don't worry about the extended dates on the form, these cover the set-up and pack-away periods for Staff]

To further ensure your child's safety at Camp they will be issued with an ID card on arrival. This will contain their name and the address of the site and an emergency phone number, just in case they need it. We haven't lost anyone nor had any serious accidents in recent years and we intend to keep up that record. The current group of staff who organise Camp have over 200 years of combined experience!



So you've already paid your Camp fee for the privilege of having your child taken off your hands for ten days. Now there's a small matter of the money required to keep them occupied whilst at Camp. We recommend that you give your child about £50 spending money. This should cover a reasonable amount of activities. Most of the out-of-camp activities we organise cost about £2-£3, however we do offer one or two more expensive activities (e.g. surfing, go-karting). If your child would like to take part in these more expensive activities you will need to provide a little more spending money. There is no need to be concerned about letting your child loose with that amount of money, the bank staff will keep a close eye on their account and will ensure the money is spent sensibly. **We would strongly advise that you to pay your child's pocket money over to their group leaders before they leave and not send it down on the coach with them. This will need to be paid in by Friday 8th July at the latest.**

A little closer to Camp your child will be issued with their Camp Booklet; it contains a wealth of information which will be relevant to your child whilst they are at Camp. Information such as who will be sharing their tent, what table they will be sitting on, when their duty day is, Camp rules, information about activities, the Camp Bank, the Camp Appeal, plus much more. I would encourage you to read through the booklet with your child so that you know how Camp is organised. It may answer any questions you have.

We'll be posting photos online whilst we're away to keep family and friends in touch with what we're getting up to. Please visit the Camp website to keep up to date (or 'like' our Facebook page / 'follow' us on Twitter).

Camp is a great time of fun and fellowship. Many friendships which were formed at Camp have lasted many years. To keep in touch with these new friends a number of Camp reunions are organised. The campers are so enthusiastic that the first one usually takes place the weekend after Camp ends! You need to be aware that these are organised by the campers themselves and are not official outings. It is possible that a responsible member of staff might attend but it is not organised as an official Camp event so your child is not our responsibility on these occasions.

We hope the information in this letter is useful, but if you have any remaining questions or concerns please contact a member of staff - but bear in mind that they leave early to set up Camp, or feel free to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

Regards

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for use in EMERGENCIES only!

Address:

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If you wish to send mail to your child, please clearly mark the envelope "**Milton Keynes Summer Camp**".

If it is not marked clearly it will not reach us.

