



23 June 2025

Dear Families

## **Blacklands Farm Camping Overnight – Monday 14 July to Wednesday 16 July 2025**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am very much looking forward to taking your child to Blacklands Farm at the end of this term and just wanted to touch base with you on a couple of points that require your attention. Although I am leading the trip at Blacklands we will be looked after by 4th Dimension and their team of instructors.

### **Drop off point:**

We ask that you bring your child to Blacklands Farm, Grinstead Lane, East Grinstead, Sussex, RH19 4HP by 9.00am on Monday 14 July 2025 and pick up from Blacklands Farm on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 2.00pm. Drop off is currently at the main entrance. If this changes I will let you know. Those of you with the what3words app can use the following location - plus.rent.photos. We will have staff directing at the entrance.

### **Tent allocation:**

Nearer the time, students will be invited to choose who they would like to sleep with in their tent. It is likely groups of five or six. We will group students of the same sex together to make up numbers in some tents.

### **Group allocation for activities:**

Students will be part of a group for their activities. These groups will be a mixture of students but will include at least one individual (a friend) from their tent. These groups will only exist for their activities and students will have plenty of opportunity to socialise at breaks in the day and over lunch time.

### **Activities:**

The activities are outdoor education based. There will be a lot of problem solving, team work, some working at heights and gently encouraging students to push themselves outside of their comfort zone. The instructors who work for 4th Dimension will encourage all students to take part in all activities, however, if a student is adamant they do not want to take part in an activity this will be fine they can just support the rest of their group during the activity.

### **Kit list:**

- Comfortable clothing for a range of activities e.g tracksuits, shorts/t-shirt
- Waterproofs
- Toiletries
- Nightwear
- Towel
- Suitable footwear for activities (Wellies and two pairs of trainers is a good idea, the grass is wet in the morning)
- Money for snacks, there may be a small tuck shop we can access - £5 suggested

- A sleeping bag/blanket/roll mat/pillow (no inflatable beds please, there is not enough space in the tents and no ability to inflate)
- Plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork, spoon, tea towel
- Torch
- Spare plastic bags for wet kit
- Small bag to take on activities to include
  - A hat
  - Water bottle
  - Sun cream
  - Any self-administered medication (including epipens)

Students will need to carry their belongings independently a short distance from the drop off to our base. I will be in contact nearer the time to let you know where to drop off and collect from.

#### **Food:**

Students will need a packed lunch for the Monday afternoon, after this all meals are included. I will hopefully be able to share with you a sample menu closer to the time. Students after eating will need to wash up ready for the next meal. I will also ask for dietary requirements nearer the time and these will be catered for by 4th Dimension. **Nut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

#### **Mobile phones:**

We are not allowing mobile phones or any other electronic devices to be brought on this trip. Students will not be allowed these on activities and they are at risk of being stolen when left unattended. There is a risk to the device if the weather is poor. All staff will have contact details for parents should a student wish or need to contact home they will be able to use staff's mobiles. Any student found with a mobile phone will have it removed and locked away.

I am very much looking forward to this trip, it will be a great way for Year 7 to end their year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff coming with me who will be giving up their free time in the evening/overnight to support the trip.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly on [amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Kind regards

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