



31 January 2025

Dear Families

Bushcraft Trip – Tuesday 4 February 2025

This letter is to inform you that your child will be participating in an Outdoor Learning lesson in survival skills/bush craft on Tuesday 4 February 2025 at a local woodland in East Grinstead.

During this session, students will engage in a variety of activities designed to:

- Enhance teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills
- Learn the principles of basic wilderness survival (shelter, fire, water)
- Identify and forage edible plants (with proper guidance and safety precautions)
- Build a fire using various methods
- Construct a simple survival shelter
- Practice basic navigation skills
- Apply "leave-no-trace" principles to minimize our impact on the environment

We believe this outdoor learning experience will provide invaluable opportunities for your child to develop confidence, creativity, communication and collaboration skills.

Travel and Logistics

Students will travel to and from the sites in the school minibus. Departing school at 9.00am and returning by 1.25pm. All students will be back at school in time for lunch and Sackville staff will accompany students throughout the sessions.

What to Bring

Students should be prepared for outdoor activities in all weather conditions. They should bring suitable clothing to change into and their school uniform to change back into after the session. Recommended clothing includes:

- Trousers suitable for outdoor work
- Layers for warmth
- Wellington boots, walking boots, or work boots
- A full set of waterproofs, or at minimum a waterproof jacket

Behaviour Expectations

As we will be working alongside members of the public, it is essential that students demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for the environment. Any concerns about a student's behaviour may result in their return to school, where they will remain for the rest of the day.

Photography Consent

A photographic record of the work done by students, will be taken on the day which may also feature in the Sackville newsletter. Please complete the accompanying [Google Form](#) to indicate whether you give permission for photographs of your child to be taken.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#). **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me - aparry@sackvilleschool.org

We look forward to a successful and enriching outdoor learning experience.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andy Parry
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