



18 April 2024

Dear Families

## Environmental and Conservation Studies Experience Day – 22 April 2024

As part of our ongoing commitment to the Forest School/ASDAN curriculum we have negotiated some more environmental work with Gravetye Manor Hotel.

The session is led by Gravetye Manor employees and the work this time is to include, but not limited to:

- Planting trees
- Building 'dead hedges' for insects and amphibians
- Coppicing hazel woodland for the reintroduction of dormice

Students will travel to and from the site in the school minibus. We really feel that it is such a great opportunity for your child to take part in a practical course.

To facilitate this, we will be leaving school at 09.00am and we will return to school by approximately 12.30pm - this will ensure that all students are back for lunch. Sackville staff will be accompanying the students also.

It is anticipated that we will be working in all weathers therefore, students should expect to get muddy if it remains wet over the weekend and they should come to school dressed in the following kit for that day:- Trousers suitable for outdoor work (not jeans), layers of clothing to keep warm if it is cold, wellington boots/walking boots/work boots, and a full set of waterproofs if possible but a waterproof jacket as minimum.

A snack and plenty to drink (in accordance with the school's healthy eating policy). Students are welcome to bring a warm drink in a flask. Students will be back in school for lunch as normal.

Of course we will be working with members of the public and it is therefore expected and imperative that students demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for the environment. Should members of staff have any concerns about the behaviour of a student we reserve the right to return that student to school and keep them in school until the end of the day.

This is part of an ongoing project by the William Robinson Gravetye Charity and they do like to keep a photographic record of the work done by the students, these photos may also be used on their newsletter. Please could you ensure the [google form](#) is completed either giving or declining permission for photos to be taken of your child in this respect.

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.**

Yours sincerely

Mr A Parry

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