

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to provide a brief update regarding the upcoming Year 6 residential trip to **PGL – Dearne Valley**, taking place from **Wednesday 20th May to Friday 23rd May**.

PGL have recently introduced a new policy which states that **all children must provide their own bedding** for the duration of their stay. A fitted bottom sheet will be provided on each bed; however, pupils will need to bring either a duvet or sleeping bag, as well as a pillow. We apologise for this late change and appreciate your support in ensuring your child comes prepared.

#### Reminders:

- Children must be able to carry their own luggage, so please ensure belongings are packed in a suitable bag or small suitcase.
- Pupils should bring a small backpack on the day of departure to carry their packed lunch and water bottle, as we will be eating upon arrival at the site.
- Electronic devices are not permitted (including mobile phones, iPads, tablets, etc.). We will keep you updated regularly via text and the school Instagram page.
- Children may bring snacks in their packed luggage for the duration of the stay.
- Pupils may also bring a small amount of pocket money for the on-site gift shop (maximum £10). Please note that children will be responsible for looking after their own money.

#### Departure day arrangements (Wednesday 20th May):

- Children should enter via the main reception at 8:20am to avoid the usual morning rush.
- Any medication must be signed in with a member of staff on arrival and provided in its original packaging. This includes prescription medication, asthma inhalers, hay fever tablets, paracetamol, vitamins and travel sickness tablets.
- The coach will depart at approximately **10:30am**. You are welcome to wait outside the school gates to wave us off if you wish.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact at [ashaw@birklandsschool.co.uk](mailto:ashaw@birklandsschool.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to a fantastic residential experience for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team