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Dear Parents,

It's just a week now until our first big adventure of the new school year, our walk and overnight stay at Wilderhope Manor which is from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

In this letter you will find details of the trip and a list of things I think your child will need to bring with them.

The children will be accompanied along by myself, Miss Ebrey, Mrs Littlar, and a team of other assistants including Mr Loft, Mrs Capleton, Mrs Davies and Mrs Jones.

The children should be at school at normal time on the Thursday (we won't be leaving until about 10am). They will require two bags. One will be an overnight bag or small suitcase containing changes of clothing and items they will require for the overnight stay. The second bag will be a day bag (rucksack) containing a packed lunch for Thursday, drinks and any spare clothing they may require for the walk.

We shall be walking from school over the fields and tracks to Wilderhope; a distance of just under 6 miles. We shall walk at a very gentle pace; there is quite a climb to begin with up to Little London. After that the walk is fairly level along bridle paths through woodland to Wilderhope. There is only two very short distances 100 metres each along lanes. I have walked the path several times during the recent weeks, the ground is generally solid underfoot, but very muddy in places and quite likely to stay that way as this week's wet weather continues. Wellington boots, walking boots or strong trainers will be ideal. If not worn for the walk wellington boots should be packed with the overnight bag for activities once we get to Wilderhope. The children will need a suitable change of footwear for inside the Youth Hostel - slippers would be perfect. The floors are stone and floorboards - cold and potentially slippery - and dirty boots aren't allowed past the porch.

I am anticipating the group will arrive at Wilderhope by mid-afternoon on Thursday. The children will be able to take their personal belongings to their allocated rooms. Please note all bedlinen is provided. Once we've settled in the rest of the day will be based in and around the local woodland with forest school type activities such as den making and bridge building with other challenges too.

Following our evening meal there will be further activities and a Dark Walk (weather permitting) head torches or small torches would be useful for this.

Breakfast on Friday is a buffet style children can have cereals, sausages, bacon, toast, juice, tea and coffee.

We'll clear out the rooms after breakfast and store bags etc. ready for collection. The rest of Friday we may visit the site of an Iron Age fort near Easthope as well as do some artwork in the grounds of Wilderhope. There is a packed lunch provided for Friday.

We will be all packed up and ready to leave by 3pm.

Apart from Thursday's lunch all meals are provided, we will provide some biscuits, cakes etc. for light snacks together with fruit squashes and hot chocolate for drinks but you may want to provide your child with a few extra snacks! Do not send too many sweets - thank you! Mobile phones are not permitted (there is no reception at Wilderhope).

You will need to arrange collecting the children from Wilderhope at 3.00pm on Friday, they do not need to return to school. You may like to consider car-sharing if it is difficult for you to collect your child, but this is up to you to arrange as long as you let me know who will be collecting them.

If you are able to help on the Thursday morning to transfer overnight bags to Wilderhope please let me know.

I am hoping that the weather picks up for the visit. The current long range forecast for next week is not great but fingers crossed for better. Whatever it's like I'm sure it won't spoil the trip.

If you would like to ask anything else about the visit please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Brough

## Equipment list

Packed lunch for Thursday

Drinks bottle (plastic only)

Backpack to carry lunch and spare clothing for walk

Lightweight waterproof coat/jacket (one that rolls up to fit into backpack is ideal - no heavy coats)

Over trousers - optional but would be very useful if the weather is wet

Overnight bag

Pyjamas

Strong trainers or walking boots

Wellington boots

Slippers or other footwear for indoors

Long trousers (jeans etc) at least x2

T-shirts or similar x2

Jumpers x2

Underwear x2

Socks (a few pairs as feet are likely to get wet)

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Soap & Large Towel

Brush/comb

Tissues

Other personal toiletries

A book for bedtime

Teddy - optional

Small torch (head torch would be ideal + spare batteries)

A plastic bag for dirty/wet clothes

Small pencil case and contents

Camera - optional and totally the child's responsibility, but no mobile phones