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Dear Parent / Carer,

PGL England FA Soccer School Weekend
Liddington, Swindon
Friday 10 May 2019 – Sunday 12 May 2019

As you are aware, the PGL Year 7 and Year 8 FA Soccer Weekend is taking place in Liddington, Swindon. All students have been given a PGL Guide which contains essential information, and all students will receive an in depth Assembly about the trip where all aspects will be covered and any questions answered. We are currently waiting for the room lists to be sent through from the company, but the rooms will be sorted as soon as I have received this information. The final arrangements are very important and it is essential all students and parents follow the protocol.

On the morning of departure, Friday 10 May 2019, students should come into school in their own clothing and are reminded that clothing should be comfortable and appropriate for our journey to Swindon. Students are permitted to bring one hold bag and one hand luggage bag only. The hold bag will be placed under the coach and the hand luggage will be taken on to the coach deck. There are a total of fifty students and five members of staff on the trip and any additional bags will unfortunately not be permitted. Please pack wisely, remembering that all students will need their own pillow and sleeping bag for the weekend since these are not provided for by the PGL Centre.

The Jubilee Hall will be opened from **7.45am** on Friday 10 May, for all bags to be dropped off. Bag drop will close at **8.30am**, so students could register in their form base. We will depart school at **2pm**, which will mean all students will be in lessons until the lunch bell.

It is essential all students bring a packed lunch and drink and meet in the Jubilee Hall as soon as the lunch bell sounds to run through important information before boarding the coach.

During the bag drop process, I will be collecting from parents all medication and will have a brief discussion to ensure a thorough understanding of your child's medical needs. Please find attached a 'Parental Agreement to Administer Medicine Form' which must be completed in full detail and signed, if your child needs specific medication throughout the weekend. Please ensure all medicines are bagged together and clearly labelled with your child's name and dosage. These must be handed in to me on the morning of departure. No student should have any medication in their bag or on their person, this includes paracetamol.

A Facebook group has been set up for this PGL trip so parents can follow our journey throughout the weekend. This is a private group and I am the only staff member who is able to accept 'requests'. Updates will be posted throughout the weekend and will include information about our arrival at the PGL base, our departure on Sunday evening and our estimated arrival back to school at 7.30pm. Photos will be posted so you are able to see our students in action as well as regular updates about the weekend to ensure you are kept in the loop. This is not the first time a Facebook group has been created for a school trip and it has been very successful in the past.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs S Gallagher or Mrs K Bones at office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



As stated above, the group is private and I will only be accepting requests from parents of our students who are actually on the PGL trip. I will not be adding any names that I do not recognise, so please do not hesitate to contact me via email if your name may appear differently on Facebook; I can then ensure you are added on to the group. In order to find the group, you will need to search Facebook for 'The Buckingham School PGL Trip 2019'. Please remember all photos posted on this group are private, will remain private and should not be re-posted on other social media sites or on your own personal Facebook page. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed, please send me an email to make me aware.

Please ensure the bus layby is kept free for our arrival so the coach can park and safely unload the luggage. The school car park will be available for parents to use free of charge.

Students have been advised that a tuck shop will be available during the trip and they need to bring additional money for this purpose only. All meals are included in the price of the trip and the tuck shop will open each night for students to purchase some goodies if they wish.

This is a fantastic trip and the students will make memories they will never forget. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is ccollie@buckinghamschool.org and I will do my utmost to reply as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Collie
Head of Year 7
PGL Party Leader

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