



Friday, 19 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our trip to Robinwood is fast approaching and our pupils and staff are excited for a weekend filled with fun and adventure! Robinwood offer souvenirs, which are available for purchase through school. Attached to this letter is an order form along with a price list for available souvenirs. If you would wish to purchase one, please complete the attached form and make necessary payments via ParentPay no later than **Tuesday 7th May**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any orders after this date. Children will be given their souvenirs on the coach ride home.

Please also complete the double-sided consent form attached and return to school no later than Tuesday 7th May.

Overleaf are some FAQs about our trip to Robinwood, which may help you and your child prepare for the trip.

If you have any further questions, please speak to Miss Marshall.

Thank you for your continued support.

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FAQs

What time do we need to arrive at school on the day of the trip?

The coach will depart from Castle Hills at 9am promptly. Children should aim to arrive at school between 8:20am and 8:40am so that we are able to complete our register and final checks. Please bring your child to the KS2 hall doors rather than entering through the gates.

Can I wave my child off once they are on the coach?

Some children can find it difficult to leave parents on the morning of the trip, especially if this is their first time away from home. We find it is best to drop your child off quickly at the hall doors and staff will support any children if necessary. Parents are welcome to wave children off by standing along the gates on Jossey Lane. We kindly ask that you do not park along the KS2 fence so that there is room for the coach.

Do they need to take a packed lunch and a water bottle?

There is no need to take a packed lunch or a water bottle – all food and drinks are provided by Robinwood. Children may wish to bring a small selection of sweets and snacks to enjoy during breaks between activities. Please do not bring chewing gum or lollipops.

What does my child need to pack?

We are hoping that the weather will be hot and sunny, however please do pack for all weather types just in case. Below is a suggested packing list from Robinwood:

- 3x t-shirts (no vests)
- 3x sweatshirts/long sleeve tops
- 3x pairs of trousers (joggers or leggings – not jeans)
- 1x pair of shorts (knee length or longer)
- 6x pairs of underwear
- 6x pairs of socks
- 1x pair of outdoor shoes/boots (plus the pair they wear on arrival day)
- 2x towels
- 1x coat
- 1x summer hat
- 1x set of pyjamas
- 1x bag of toiletries
- 1x hairbrush
- 1x black bin liner

You may also wish to pack sun cream for your child, however they must be able to apply this themselves. Some parents like to pre-prepare clothes for each day, however the items of clothing they need will depend upon the activities scheduled for the day. It is easier for the children if clothes are grouped together by item, e.g. t-shirts, trousers, if you wish to do so. Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name as this will help with lost property. Robinwood wash and tumble dry wet clothing. Therefore, please do not pack any expensive clothes or clothing that cannot be tumble dried.

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My child requires medication – am I able to send this with them?

We are able to administer medication to your child throughout the trip as long as it is prescribed by a doctor and is in original packaging with the child's name and dosage on the prescription label. If your child has asthma, we will bring their school inhaler with us. If they require an additional inhaler in the morning/at night, please send this in with the prescription label on the box. Please do not pack **any** medications in your child's bag, hand them to the appropriate staff member when you drop your child off.

What should my child wear on the day they leave for Robinwood?

When the children arrive at Robinwood they will have a quick lunch and jump straight into their activities. They should therefore wear comfortable and weather appropriate clothing. The children will also walk approximately 1 mile from the coach to the activity centre so please make sure they are wearing appropriate shoes.

Is there anything my child cannot take with them?

Robinwood prohibits the following items:

- Cameras (staff will take plenty of photos)
- Valuable items such as mobile phones, tablets, watches, jewellery
- Aerosol sprays
- Foods containing nuts

There is no need for your child to bring any cash with them on the trip.

What if my child loses something on the trip?

Robinwood has a lost property centre for children to identify missing items. If we have any property that is not claimed, we will bring it back to school with us for children to identify after they return from the half-term break.

How can I help my child prepare for the trip?

Robinwood encourages independence from each child throughout the stay. They will have to make their own beds, pack a kit bag with necessary clothing and pack their own suitcase at the end of the trip. Children will also have to take care of their own hygiene needs, such as showering, brushing teeth and brushing hair independently. It would be beneficial if you practice this with your child before the trip.

Does my child need to be able to swim?

Your child does not need to be able to swim, however they should be ideally water confident. If your child is not water confident, please let Miss Marshall know so that she can inform the activity leader.

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What activities will my child take part in at Robinwood?

Below is a list of activities provided:

- Archery
- Canoeing
- Caving
- Challenge course
- Rock climbing
- Crate challenge
- Dungeon challenge
- Giant swing
- Night line
- Piranha pool
- Quest
- Team challenge
- Trapeze
- Zip wire

Will I be able to contact my child throughout the trip?

Children will not be allowed to take mobile phones and you will therefore not be able to contact them. Staff have emergency contact information for each child if necessary. We will regularly post to our X (Twitter) page throughout the trip so you can keep up to date with what your child has been up to.

What time will the children return to school?

We will be departing from Robinwood at approximately 2:30pm. We aim to be back at school at approximately 4pm on Sunday. We will try to message parents via text if our return time changes.

Will my child share a dorm room?

Yes, children are allocated dorm rooms with up to 10 children in each dorm. Boys and girls will have separate dorms. Robinwood staff are on call throughout the night and will attend to any children if necessary. We aim to ensure that each child is allocated dorm rooms and activity groups with their friends.

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