

Parents Guide to the Pioneer Centre 2009

- The centre is run very efficiently and safely by fully qualified and enthusiastic staff. The children will have a fantastic time.
- This is the 11th Pioneer centre trip organised by the school
- Your child will be very well fed, looked after and challenged both mentally and physically.
- There are on site medics and hospitals in the close vicinity if any accident occurs. You will be given these numbers if we need to contact you.
- We do intend to have a great time

You may be contacted by your child via a payphone. This is usually to tell you how much fun they are having, sometimes to say they are homesick.

If you are contacted by a member of staff then it is likely to be for one of the following reasons:

1: There has been an accident or your child has become ill.

OR

2: Your child has broken one of the rules we have set.

Please remind your child that the following items are not to be brought: Knives or pen knives of any description, cigarettes, alcohol, water pistols, laser pens or any item that could cause harm to another pupil.

Also remind your child you will be required to collect your child from the Pioneer centre if they do one of the following:

- Steal from another room
- Possess any of the banned items listed above
- Venture into the building of the opposite sex: Boys in Girls' block and vice versa.
- Endanger any other student during an activity
- Be persistently late for registration times
- Ignore instructions from the centre staff
- Bully another student
- Fight

Action Plan for Parents

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| Monday 28 th September | Ensure that the school has the relevant consent forms, medical information and dietary requirements that we should be aware of. Also ensure that you have ample prescription medication if it is needed. |
| Tuesday 29 th September | Pack the bag. Try to include everything on the list attached. Check the bag for games, ipods or anything that would be considered dangerous. Make sure that any medication is packed in a plastic box and clearly name it. Make sure that clothing is named and nothing valuable is taken. |
| Wednesday 30 th September | Please have your child at school by 8.55 If you need to accompany them to school, please do not use Harris Drive. All parents should try to park at Saunton Road. The buses will use Overslade Lane and any further parking will be putting our children in danger. Provide your child with a packed lunch and ensure that they give their medication to Mrs Salter on arrival. We leave at 9.30 |
| Thursday 1 st October | Do all your washing, have a free night!! |
| Friday 2nd October | We will be returning at 3.00 - 3.15 pm. All students will be walking back to school from Overslade Lane. All children will be carrying bags which may not be theirs and we will reunite students with bags at school. This means that they are not to be picked up until the school bell goes . Again, please collect from Saunton Road. Overslade Lane will have a police presence who will be asking cars to move away from the area as it is dangerous. |

Please remember the medical forms, any medication and a packed lunch for Wednesday.

Pioneer Centre Equipment List

| Equipment | Packed |
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| Good Manners | |
| A positive attitude | |
| Old trainers for Outdoor Activities | |
| Indoor Shoes for Evenings | |
| Waterproof Coat (and trousers if you have them) | |
| 3 T Shirts | |
| Warm jumpers/fleeces | |
| 2 pairs of Trousers/jeans/jogging bottoms | |
| Plenty of underwear (socks can easily get wet) | |
| Warm hat and gloves | |
| Water bottle or drinks bottle (not glass) | |
| Soap or Shower gel | |
| Toothbrush and Toothpaste | |
| Towel | |
| Night Clothes | |
| One set of old clothes to get muddy | |
| Black sack or poly bag for wet clothes | |
| Evening Wear | |
| Maximum of £5 pocket money (in coins if possible) | |
| PACKED LUNCH FOR WEDNESDAY | |

Try to fit everything into a NAMED rucksack or small suitcase, remember your child will have to carry it. You will NOT need to bring any sleeping bags or pillows. These are provided for you.

Please also include any special medication such as inhalers or tablets and include details of dosage should a teacher be required to use the information. This should be kept in a plastic sandwich box with your child's name and photo on and full instructions.

Please do not bring any sort of games console, mobile phone or mp3 player. Do not bring anything valuable as it will not be our responsibility. Staff will not waste time looking for mislaid items.

I also remind you that the rooms cannot be locked.