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Dear parent/carer,

As we approach the weekend, I wanted to get in touch to let you know that we are all ready for next week's eagerly anticipated residential trip to Arete. We understand that there are anxieties about the trip from both children and adults but we want to reassure you that we are working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the children have a truly memorable trip which they will remember with great fondness.

Below is list of key information prior to your arrival at school on Monday morning:

### Medication

If your child has any medicine which they will be bringing with them, they must be checked in with the school office and a medical form be completed. This will allow us to create a timetable for when your child requires medication and will be circulated between staff with each child being designated a medicine administrator.

### Kit List

The list of items required is on the 'Year 6 Letters' page of the school website. 'The weather forecast suggests a rather unpredictable week so please pack for all eventualities.

### Money

The gift shop will be open every day for snacks etc and £10 should be sufficient for the week but you are welcome to pack some snacks and treats for your child should you choose to. Please ensure money is kept in a safe purse/wallet and not in an envelope as loose coins can be problematic. The children are responsible for taking care of their own money.

### Night time

Teddies and small comforting items are welcome on our trip to make bedtime feel a little more homely. Books are recommended to help wind down in the evening but electronics are not permitted.

### Packed Lunch



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Children will need a packed lunch for Monday. We leave school at 11am and aim to be at Arete for approximately 12:30 meaning we will eat on arrival. Please place the lunch in a disposable, recyclable bag. If you have ordered a lunch from the school kitchen, this will be available for your child to collect prior to leaving school. This can be done via ParentPay.

### Communication

On arrival at Arete, we will inform the school office who, in turn, will text you to keep you updated. We aim to communicate via social media as frequently as possible but please be mindful that staff on the trip are effectively on duty 24 hours a day and updates via these channels may differ depending on availability and wifi capability. Once we have a better idea of timings in the evenings, we will make arrangements with the office staff to inform you of times for phone calls home.

Should you wish to wave your child off at 11am, then this is absolutely fine but be mindful that this may unsettle your child. We will leave it with you to decide what is best for your child.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to the exciting week ahead,

Regards,

Mr Singleton



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