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Dear Parent/Carer,

In a few weeks' time, the Year 6 children will be embarking on their eagerly anticipated residential to Arete Outdoor Centre in Wales. We can confirm that a site visit has been made to risk assess the centre and the final details of the visit are being made. Four members of staff will be accompanying the centre with the children including myself and Mr Duckett.

We are sure you will soon be considering starting to pack items for your child therefore we have put together a list of the items which your child will require:

1. One fitted single sheet, pillowcase and duvet cover. Duvets and pillows are provided.
2. At least two pairs of thick ski or walking socks with a 'loop stitch'. Thin socks are hard on the feet and cause sores and blisters.
3. At least two warm jumpers or fleeces with long sleeves.
4. Two pairs of warm trousers to wear during activities. Track suit bottoms are quite adequate. Please do not bring jeans for activities as they are not suitable.
5. A different T-shirt or similar to wear each day during activities. Thermal tops are ideal if you have any.
6. A warm hat and a pair of gloves. In the unlikely event of hot weather, sun cream and a cap will be required.
7. Shorts and swimwear. Extra old shorts to wear over the top of the wetsuits.
8. Underwear and nightwear.
9. A set of casual clothes to wear around the Centre during the evenings.
10. Toiletries and a large towel.



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11. A second large towel or changing robe for changing outside.
12. Pocket money if you wish to use the onsite souvenir and tuck shop.
13. Torch with spare batteries.
14. At least one pair of old, normal trainers to wear during water sessions and a dry pair for land activities and travelling to venues. Sturdy trainers with laces rather than thin soled slip-on shoes. *Not* football astro shoes as the rubber is too hard and slippery on rock.
15. Sandwich Box and 500ml water bottle (any plastic bottle will do).
16. Medication if necessary. This will need to be signed in with the school office and not just placed in your child's kit bag.
17. Carrier bag to return wet/dirty clothing.
18. If you have your own waterproofs, walking boots, wetsuit or wellies please feel free to bring them along to use on activities.
19. Evening snacks such as sweets/chocolates/crisps
20. No electronics are permitted on the trip but a book to read at bedtime or a comforting bedtime toy are recommended.

There is a tuck shop on site where children will be able to purchase snacks as well as souvenirs to remember their trip. If you wish for your child to bring money, we recommend that amount be no more than £10 and be placed in a labelled purse or wallet. Please do not send envelopes as once they are opened, there may be issues in keeping the children's money safe.

We will give you further details of times etc nearer to the date. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the list, or any other queries about Arete, please contact school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Singleton

