



John Donne Primary School

Woods Road, Peckham, SE15 2SW

Year 6 School Journey

Bushcraft Camp - Cornbury Park - Oxfordshire

Date: Monday 17th May- Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to provide you with key updates in relation to The Year 6 Bushcraft Camp trip which will now take place on Monday 17th May- Friday 21st May.

Payment

The total cost of the 5 days away is £180 per child.

This cost has been heavily subsidised by the school.

As a reminder, there is an updated payment plan (detailed below). It is extremely important that payments are made on or before the dates specified so that we are able to make the required payments to The Buscraft Company on time. If you are unable to meet the payment deadlines, then please get in touch with the school office in advance of the scheduled payment dates.

The updated Payment Plan is as follows.

Cost	Due date
£40 deposit NON-REFUNDABLE	Pay as soon as possible to get your name on the list and to set up your online payments.
£60	Friday 2nd October 2020
£40	Friday 20th November 2020
£40 FINAL PAYMENT	Friday 29th January 2021

You can make payments online via schoolmoney www.schoolmoney.co.uk or at any paypoint shop using your unique paypoint slip that you can obtain from the school office.



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We still have some spaces.

If you would like your child to join us on the trip, we still have spaces available. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You will just need to let the school office know. You can do this via phone or email and the office will talk you through the next steps.

What will we be learning?

The main themes of the year 6 trip will still be focussed on ***facing challenges together*** and ***learning responsibility and independence.***

We will leave school on the Monday morning (7:30am) and travel by coach to Oxfordshire. It should take about 2 hours to get there. The children will be introduced to the camp staff and then walk through the woods to find their camp for the week. They will sleep in large tents of 8-10 children. Over the course of 5 days they will face a range of challenges and tasks. Some of them will be difficult, all of them offer an amazing experience.

Activities will include:

Archery	Assault courses
Shelter building in the woods	Building and cooking on the campfire
Night time walks	Problem solving and teamwork challenges
Lifesaving skills	Swimming
Nature trails	Survival skills including trap making

The children will spend the whole week in the woods and really get to know the setting and the staff. Each camp has its own kitchen tent and they will be treated to an amazing array of food to keep them going through all of the activities they will do. All dietary requirements can be taken into account.

All of the activities are led by the centre staff and there will be at least three members of school staff on the trip. We are aware that some children will get home sick and find being away from home difficult. We want them to feel comfortable and secure and hope we will be able to reassure them and look after them as well as you would expect. We do not let the children call home as this often makes it worse and an important part of school journey is learning how to cope in new circumstances and develop their independence.

If you would like to know any more information about the company and the camps that they run, then take a look at their website. Follow the links to the different centres and courses they have and look for "The woods" and "Cornbury Park".

<http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com>

The children will spend 4 nights at the camp and return home on Friday afternoon. We aim to be back at school by the end of the normal school day but will notify the school if traffic causes any delays. They would have had 5 days packed full of activities and adventures and be keen to tell you everything that they got up to.