



The Castle School

Ardèche 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

26 April 2023

I would like to invite you to the Ardèche parents' meeting on Wednesday 17 May, 6.00pm – 7.00pm in the main hall at The Castle School.

During the meeting we will give you a better flavour of the activities we will be undertaking on the Ardèche water sports trip 2023, as well as a chance to ask any questions or clarify any concerns.

There will also be time for parents to complete the paperwork for the trip which ensures that all documents are completed on the evening. You will need to know key medical details such as your child's GP name and address and the date of their last tetanus vaccination. We will also ask you and your child to sign a Code of Conduct for the trip.

- EV5 consent/medical form.
- Code of Conduct signed by students and parents.
- A valid EHIC/GHIC medical insurance card.
- A valid EU Passport issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue') and valid for at least 6 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date').
- Any visa required for students not holding an EU passport for travel outside of the United Kingdom

However, if you need to retain any of the above documentation for use prior to our departure, could you please still bring these items to the meeting in order to allow us to take a copy to keep securely at the school for the duration of the trip.

This is a fantastic trip and whilst we have had to change the trip provider we have the same high expectations of the opportunities and experiences for our young people.

We would like to purchase polo shirts for the trip, these are a great memento and also make it easier for staff to identify students when travelling! Samples will be available to try at the meeting - navy or white with the logo at the top of the letter embroidered on the left breast. The cost of these will be £15 and can be paid for via Scopay, by cash or cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by debit/credit card once you have placed an order.

So that families can start to plan, we have attached a kit list for the trip.

Students will need food and a drink for the journey, wet wipes and some spending money (Max £200).

Students will be responsible for their own belongings – it may be useful to provide a list of items packed. Lost property is hard to track down after a visit and there is a charge for returning items.

Kind regards

Martin Wilkins

Trip leader