

1 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Buckingham 7R – PINKERY RESIDENTIAL TRIP

I am writing to share details about our residential visit to the Pinkery Centre for Outdoor Learning on Exmoor.

The itinerary is as follows:

Depart from school: **Saturday 27 September** at 2.30pm

Arrive back at school: **Sunday 28 September** at 2.00pm (timings may change slightly – any changes will be notified in September). The expectation is students will be collected from school.

The students will be driven to the Pinkery centre in the school minibuses. They will need outdoor clothing and suitable footwear for both indoors and outdoors. Wellington boots would be useful. The full kit list can be found at the end of this letter.

The cost of the trip will be £68.00. If you would like your child to take advantage of this trip, please make a **deposit payment** of £20 in cash or via debit/credit card during the Welcome Evening for the families on 2 July, or contact the school to pay over the phone. Please also complete the enclosed **EV5 consent and medical form** and send it into the Main Reception/School Office as soon as possible, having paid a £20 deposit.

The remaining balance of £48 and signed EV5 forms will be due by **Thursday 17 July 2025** at the very latest, in person or over the phone.

If, for any reason, you are unable to pay the full amount in advance, but you would still like your child to attend the trip, please contact the school to discuss this further. We expect all students to attend this visit.

The expectation is not to see or hear mobile phones at all. However, you may wish your child to have their phone for contacting you as we approach school on our return. Students will be allowed to do that as an exception to the rule. Phones are not to be used in any other circumstances and must be kept in the bag (not pockets).

There is no opportunity to spend money at the centre. Please be aware possessions should be safe as we will be the only people there, although there is no lockable storage. We cannot be responsible for items damaged, lost etc.

Please find below a list of suggested equipment.

Do Bring

Sleeping bag and pillow case

Waterproof Coat*

Wellington boots*

Waterproof trousers

Old warm clothes

Trousers x3

T-shirt x3

Jumper/fleece min x3

Underclothes/socks etc

Outdoor shoes (old)

Indoor footwear

Washing gear (towel, soap, toothbrush etc)

Torch

Pyjamas

Black bin bag for wet clothes

** The centre may be able to lend you these items if you haven't got them but has limited supplies.*

Think about bringing

Sun hat and sun cream.

It would be lovely if students could bring some cake to share with the group for after the night walk and a snack between activities the following morning. This is not expected but would be welcomed.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Lambert

Head of Buckingham House

The Castle School