THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST













Executive Principals: Mr M | Roberts & Ms L D Sampson Acting Head of School: Mr P Robins

Dear Parents and Carers,

Carroty Wood Trip: 18thth – 20th March Higham Lane, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9QX

As the departure date for our overnight stay at Carroty Wood draws closer, we are able to provide you with the final details.

Parent/carer meeting:

The parent/carer information meeting is **Thursday 29th February at 3.30**. The meeting will be held in your child's class. Please bring your completed medical forms to this meeting (these have been sent home with your child but an additional copy is attached to this email).

Luggage:

Your child should arrive at school between 8.00-8.30 Monday 18th March, going straight to the Junior Hall via the side door, to register and leave their luggage. Luggage labels will be provided on the morning and should be attached securely to both their packed lunch and their luggage bags. We will be on the coach and leaving at 9am.

Each child should bring just **ONE overnight bag** – a cabin bag/small suitcase on wheels is ideal - plus a small rucksack containing their packed lunch and a reusable water bottle. Please adhere to the usual guidelines for packed lunches (no fizzy drinks or nuts). Please DO NOT send your child with a large suitcase as there will be no space on the coach for it.

Medication:

Medication must NOT be packed in your child's luggage. If your child has medicines/inhalers/epipens/tablets or creams etc, please fill in the medical form and give this your child's teacher at the information meeting. On arrival at school on the 18th March, an adult must provide any medication listed on this form to a member of staff. If there are any updates to your child's medical information between the time you hand the form in and our departure, additional forms will be available for you to fill in. You must ensure that all medication is in date. Please note that medication held in school will not be taken.

If your child suffers from travel sickness and needs medication, please note that the coaches will be leaving Atwood at 9am prompt; let a member of staff know if your child needs to take medication before leaving school.

<u>Kit</u>

Please see the attached list regarding what to take. Regardless of the weather, our activities are all outdoors. Each session lasts for two hours and during this time we have no access to our lodges. Please make sure your child has suitable clothes – layers are often better – and gloves (not mittens). We cannot stress how muddy/wet the children can get, so it is essential that they do bring everything on the list; they must have dry clothes and trainers/shoes to change into.

Children will be participating in their first activity at Carroty Wood before we go to our accommodation. Children should therefore be wearing warm, old clothes to school, ready to take part in outdoor fun!

Pocket Money:

There is a small shop at Carroty Wood selling sweets and souvenirs. Children are welcome to bring money up to the value of £10, in small change, in a named purse. However, as we are only away for two nights, we will be limiting the amount of sweets the children can buy – the rest of their money can be spent on souvenirs. IT IS YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER THEIR MONEY AND ANY PURCHASES.

Emergency Contact:

The centre will not accept calls from parents. In the event of an emergency, you can call a member of the Atwood team on the 24 hour phone number which will be provided to you nearer the time of the trip.

Conduct:

The children will spend a great deal of time in their groups lead by Centre leaders. To ensure the safety and fun of everybody involved, please remind your child of the importance of listening to the staff and of acceptable behaviour.

We are aiming to be back at school by 3pm on Wednesday 20th March. Please collect your child from the junior hall where they will be waiting with their luggage.

There will be a late start for all year 5 children and staff on Thursday 21st March. Please bring your child to the school office at 10am. If you have any difficulties accommodating this late start, please speak to your child's teacher.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team

ATWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

<u>Check List – Carroty Wood</u>

- Packed lunch in a small rucksack (named or easily identifiable)
- Night clothes
- Underwear and several pairs of socks
- Three pairs of long trousers tracksuit bottoms, leggings etc are ideal (no jeans as these become very uncomfortable if/when wet)
- Long sleeved T-Shirts/tops (long sleeves are essential for some of the activities)
- Three warm jumpers/fleeces without a hood (for safety reasons).
- Waterproof jacket (we will be outdoors for much of the time, whatever the weather!)
- Gloves
- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Old, spare trainers /shoes ESSENTIAL (ideally 2 pairs) these will get wet/muddy!
- Washing kit flannel, toothbrush, soap, toothpaste etc
- HAIR TIES. For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back during activities
- Towel
- 3 x plastic sacks/bin bags (for wet and dirty clothing and footwear)
- Small torch
- Eye mask (if needed for sleeping)
- Small teddy
- NO sweets/snacks
- Up to £10 pocket money in small change (in a named purse)
 Children are <u>not</u> permitted to bring mobile phones, iPad, electronic games etc. with them. They are welcome to bring playing cards/word games etc or a book with them if they wish. These are ideal to be stored in their rucksack while travelling.

No bedding is required. Carroty Wood provides sheets, pillows and duvets. Please do not send your child with their own bedding as there is not space on the coach. It will help your child (and staff!) if they practise putting covers on their bed at home, as they will be required to do so when they arrive at the Centre.

<u>Please mark all of your child's clothing and belongings very clearly with their full name.</u>

<u>Use a Sharpie pen or similar to name shoes, gloves etc – this helps us so much!</u>