



17 May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Whole School Dalby Forest Trip – Wednesday 24th May 2023

As our trip approaches, I wanted to send you further information for the day.

Pre-visit preparation

We will be having Year 1 to Year 6 assemblies in the hall and in classes to prepare for the trip. It is vitally important to us that the children have fun and enjoy the day, that they learn from the experience but that they are safe at all times. We will be using the time in assemblies to discuss how they can keep safe and the routines we will have in place to help them do so.

Timings for the day

We will be leaving the school site on two Jim Bell coaches and two Holderness Academy minibuses at 8:30am. Please ensure your children are at school for 8:15 to register in time. We will message you all when we arrive safely and again when we set off. We hope to be back at school for around 3:30pm but will update you at the time.

Things to pack for the day

One of the activities the children will complete together will be deciding on the best “kit list” for the day. I would also like to recommend the following:

- The weather forecast is looking good for the day so please ensure your children dress appropriately for the day. Please ensure they have sun cream on before they leave school and have extra with them to reapply if required. Please also bring a hat.
- We recommend a sturdy pair of trainers for the day. On a pre-visit this weekend, the ground was fairly dry (with some dampness deeper into the woods and moisture on the grass). Perhaps pack a spare pair of socks in their bag for the trip home in case they do get wet/soggy feet.
- All children will need a packed lunch for the day with sufficient drinks to last them all day.

- Please send them with an extra plastic bag to sit on whilst on the grass in case it is damp.

Activities

Here are the activities the children will be taking part in next week:

- Year 1 will be walking their way around the Zog Trail
- Year 2 will be completing the Gruffalo Orienteering course
- Years 3 & 4 will be working in the forest to learn the benefits nature can have on their health and well-being
- Year 5 & 6 will be shelter building and learning the skills needed to manage the forest safely and successfully.

All activities are linked to learning the children have done this year in their Forest School curriculum, Science curriculum and wider learning such as PSHE, Geography and Maths.

Further consent

There is a small risk of the children receiving a tick bite or other insect bites on the day. Similarly, there is a risk of nettle stings/other allergic reactions to plants in the woods. If you are happy to do so, please complete the following consent form [HERE](#) so that we can administer anti-histamine cream or use a tick remover if necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs White
Headteacher