



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Bushcraft Residential Trip Monday 15th July – Wednesday 17th July 2019

I am very much looking forward to taking your daughter on the Bushcraft trip and am pleased to confirm that as well as the Bushcraft staff, there will be Miss Lawrence, Head of Year 8, and myself staying overnight with the girls, along with other Bishop's staff during the daytime. I have organised the girls into two camps, tribes and tents and forwarded this to the Bushcraft team with information you provided about medical issues and dietary requirements. Pupils will be mixed up for their activities with girls from different form groups and as far as possible, I have tried to match your daughter with a friend she named.

If travelling by coach, please arrive at school on Monday 15th July no later than 8:30am, as we need to pack up the coach with luggage. Before getting onto the coach, any medication that is normally handed into the office, should be given to myself, clearly labelled with the name of the girl and dosage. Girls with severe allergies or asthma should carry their own EpiPens/inhalers.

There are twelve girls who are being dropped off by parents/carers directly at the site. Please arrive at Three Houses Lane, SG4 8TD on the Monday at 10am:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Hitchin+SG4+8TB/@51.871513,-0.2348104,125a,53.3y,2.86t/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x4876306050cc6391:0xbae7c4b7feef745b!8m2!3d51.8718498!4d-0.2367125>) The Bushcraft Company has a sign on the right hand side of Three Houses Lane and a small car park to drop off your daughter. Please do not arrive earlier than 9:45am as staff need to be there to meet them.

We will strike camp and leave the site at 2:30pm on Wednesday 17th July and expect the coach to be back at Bishop's at approximately 3:00pm. If you have indicated that you are collecting your daughter, please be there at 2:30pm.

Please do **not** allow your daughter to bring any sweets or snacks, particularly those containing nuts as these pose a significant danger to girls with allergies. To fully enjoy the experience, please ensure that your daughter does not bring any electronic equipment, including a mobile phone. Staff will be fully contactable during this trip. If you need to contact us at Hatfield Woods, please ring the school office on **01707 275331** during the school day and staff will get a message to me. If an emergency occurs after 4pm, please contact the Bushcraft emergency number: **03332 000 612** (24 hours). Please ensure that the emergency number is used for urgent messages only.

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Please try to pack lightly. The basic kit list includes: sleeping bag, roll mat, torch, wash bag, towel, nightwear, some warm clothes and appropriate footwear for the woods. In addition, each pupil should carry a small day sack with a full bottle of water, inhalers and Epipens, if required, and a sun hat and sun cream, as well as a waterproof.

If you have any questions about the trip please contact myself or the Bushcraft team at: questions@thebushcraftcompany.com

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wilde