



*Wisdom Service Hope*

15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**House PGL Trips 4th - 6th March 2020 update**

Thank you for the overwhelming positive responses to this trip and for appreciating what a large undertaking it is to run a trip for Years 5 to 10. It is clear from our correspondence that many of you had queries regarding the trips and so please find responses to the most frequently asked questions below. I have extended the deadline for paying the deposit until **Friday 18th October 2019** to support those of you who were awaiting further details before making a commitment to the trips.

- Which classes are going to which PGL location?

**Anderson and Dickens will go to PGL Liddington in Wiltshire**

(PAMs: 5, 7, 8, 9, Anderson and 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Dickens)

**Elgar and Fonteyn will go to PGL Marchants Hill in Surrey**

(PAMs: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Elgar and 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 Fonteyn)

**Livingstone and Nightingale will go to PGL Osmington Bay in Dorset**

(PAMs: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Livingstone and 5, 7, 8, 9 Nightingale)

- When will the children mix with the other year groups?  
On the coaches and during age-appropriate evening activities.
- When will the children be with their own year group?  
During the day time activities and in their accommodation.
- What are the sleeping arrangements?  
Boys and girls will sleep separately and in their own year group (i.e. Year 5 girls will be sharing with other Year 5 girls). The children will be asked to nominate friends they would prefer to share with in advance of the trip. The accommodation has en-suite bathroom facilities. There will be 2 members of SMSJ staff in each block of accommodation to supervise the children. The children will have different bed-times depending on their age. Please see the parent guide link below to have a virtual tour of the accommodation.
- What happens during the day-time activities?  
Activities during the day will be supervised by PGL staff. The children will participate in vertical groupings but the activities will be age-group appropriate.
- Will there be medical provision?  
Children are only to bring prescribed medication and this must be handed to the class teacher before boarding the coach.

- Will my child's dietary requirements be catered for?  
Please see a sample menu below covering a range of nutritious meals. PGL regularly provide meals for a wide variety of needs including coeliac, diabetic, food allergies and vegetarian/vegan. You will be asked to confirm any particular dietary requirements prior to travel.  
<https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/DocumentManagerDocuments/Web/Menus/PGL-UK-Menu-English.pdf>
- Will we receive updates as to how the children are getting on while they are away?  
In line with SMSJ policy on mobile phones the students will not be permitted to have their mobile phones with them for the 3 days we are away. Instead we will post regular updates on the school twitter-feed so that you can be informed of what they are doing while they are away.
- What happens in an emergency situation?  
If you need to contact your child in an emergency: during school opening hours contact the school reception as usual. If out-of-hours we will provide you with an emergency contact number to use while we are away.
- Will there be a parental meeting before the trip?  
Yes - nearer the time, we will be in touch with the details.
- If my child does not go to the House PGL trip what provisions will be made for them?  
It is our expectation that all children in Years 5-10 go on the PGL trip. In exceptional circumstances, if a child is unable to attend, they will attend school as usual and a programme of curriculum-related lessons will be organised for them.
- Where can I get additional information about PGL?  
Please see the link below to a comprehensive 'Parent Guide to PGL':  
<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>
- I would love my child to go on the trip but I'm struggling to meet the payment deadlines.  
Please get in touch in the strictest confidence - contact Ms. S. Giacone.

If your question has not been answered above or on the PGL website <https://www.pgl.co.uk/>

Please get in touch for further support.

Yours sincerely,

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