

Primary 7 Residential Lockernie Manor Parental Information 8th March 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

Given the experiences that we have all shared over the last two years, I am absolutely delighted that we are able to send our Primary 7 children to Lockerbie Manor next Monday. All of the main planning and arrangements are in place however I wanted to share a few final matters here with you.

Firstly, on behalf of us all I would like to thank our staff team in advance for their efforts and additional time next week. Whilst the week will be great fun for all, looking after our children throughout the week is an additional commitment which we could not run the week without, so it is greatly appreciated.

Next, with regards to shared health & safety guidance, I wanted to clarify the following. For the bus journey, we are asking both staff and children to wear masks on the coach. Transmission rates in East Renfrewshire and our school community remain a significant factor and we want to do all that we can to mitigate risk for everyone. Whilst at Lockerbie, the children will not need to wear masks. Our staff team will be taking the appropriate steps during the week, though of course much of the time there is spent outside which is of great help.

On the basis of shared respect and care, I would like to ask that all of our staff and children lateral flow test for Covid-19 at least once a day from Friday 11th March. We very much hope that everyone will be able to attend, however this is of course a necessary part of supporting as many being able to enjoy the week as we can. Thank-you in advance for your understanding and co-operation. Were your child to test positive in the days running up to the trip, please notify the school office as usual, as soon as possible.

Should one of our children become symptomatic for Covid-19 during the trip, we will take the following steps. The child will be supported to initially self-isolate whilst one of the team at Lockerbie telephones the parent. We will ask for your permission to administer a lateral flow test for your child (we are taking with us ample supply from our school provision). Your child will be supported to administer this properly. We will then share these results with you in a second phone call shortly afterwards. Were the result to be positive, or indeed if the child were to be so poorly that they could not continue with the week, we would ask you to come to Lockerbie to collect your child. I hope that this seems reasonable and clear.

I have spoken with all of the children this week about the excitement and challenges of their time at Lockerbie, including our expectations that they will continue to behave in the same positive ways around using our school values in all that they do. Your support at home prior to leaving, and in conversations with your children, is greatly appreciated.

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Finally, you already have all of the kit list information required and indeed the information regarding medication. Should your child need to bring medication, please have this clearly labelled and ready for collection when arriving on Monday morning, along with any 'tuckshop' money (maximum £8) that you wish to send with your child. Sadly, we are unable to invite you into the blue hall to wait with the children this year and must ask you to say your goodbyes at the school gates. Staff, including myself, will be on hand from 08:40 to welcome the children and all of our P7s will go straight into the blue hall with their bags. We are aiming for our coach to leave between 10:15 and 10:30 from Fenwick Road.

If you have any remaining questions please do not hesitate to call the school office on 0141-570-7180.

I look forward to a fantastic week ahead,

Kind regards,

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher