

Merton Junior School

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*'Be wise, together we
succeed'*

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Our trip to the Gordon Brown centre is well under way in the preparation stages however there are some details that we need you to complete before we can finally confirm the finer details with the centre.

Please find attached the medical form which needs completing by yourself on behalf of your child. Please can you read through the form and fill in any details where necessary. Please also discuss the attached Children's agreement with your child and help them to understand and sign it. These need to be signed and returned to school ASAP.

The insurance synopsis can be found on our school website.

The children are taking part in a range of activities which may include: High Ropes Challenge, Auto Abseiling, Boulder Climbing Wall, Laser Tag, trim trail, fire making, outdoor cooking, evening campfire, daily animal feeding, movie night with popcorn.

Also attached is a kit list. Children will need to bring with them a single fitted sheet, pillow and sleeping bag. Please make sure you pack enough clothing to allow for wet weather and several change of clothes and underwear.

The tuck shop is currently closed so pocket money is not required.
Please do not bring electronic devices as they will not be required or used.

There will be a parents meeting on 25th March in the hall to discuss plans, activities and other arrangements. It would be great to see you there.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Rowland

[Kit list – Gordon Brown Centre 2024](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have provided a helpful clothing list for our residential trip to Gordon Brown Centre:

The following is essential:

Sleeping bag or covered duvet

Pillow and Pillowcase

Single sheet for the bed

Wellington boots and some long socks.

A pair of indoor shoes (slippers or something that will not be taken outdoors during our stay)

A waterproof coat

Refillable water bottle

Sun Hat (weather dependent)

Sun Cream (weather dependent)

Shorts and t-shirts (weather dependent)

Trousers and jumpers (weather dependent)

A long sleeved top – (children may be required to cover their arms for some activities)

Changes of underwear

Towel for showering

Wash-bag with soap, toothpaste, tooth brush, hair brush, shampoo

If your child uses an inhaler please put in a refill.

A swimming costume to wear in the shower

The rest of this is a suggestion:

Trainers for outdoors (old ones are best) and slippers for indoors.

Two - three pairs of old trousers or jeans. / a pair of shorts.

Sufficient changes of underwear, socks etc. (the weather previously meant we needed more!)

A warm jumper or jacket.

Three shirts / t-shirts

It is **essential** that you mark all clothing clearly with the child's name or initials. Sleeping bags / duvets should be packed in a strong bin liner or similar plastic bag.

All other items need to be securely packed in one suitcase or hold-all.

Please remember that your child must be able to carry their own suitcase and that they are only away for a few days.

The emphasis for clothing should be "old and practical" rather than style. It might be an idea to set clothes for each day, including underwear changes, and put them in separate carrier bags within the suitcase to ensure that the children know what they should be getting dressed into each day.

If you have any questions or queries about the clothing list or anything else in regards to the Gordon Brown Centre trip, please contact myself or the office team.

Kind regards

Mr Rowland