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Dear Parent/Guardian

Golden Day 14th December 2021

I am delighted to say that we are now in the final stages of planning our annual Golden Day on Tuesday 14th December. This is a wonderful event for the whole school, and a chance to reward our students for all their hard work and for the resilience they have shown over the past term. I very much hope that they will enjoy all the different trips and activities they are taking part in.

In advance of Tuesday, I wanted to update you on some key information. Firstly, all students attending external trips have now been invited to a briefing with the staff members leading their trip. These briefing PowerPoints have also been uploaded onto Edulink, and provide lots of information about the visits, including expectations for clothing, money, personal safety, timings, and lunch. I do hope that you have also received my letter regarding the visit your child is attending, this gives an overview of the timings and some other important information about how the day will be structured.

If your child is attending a trip and has a mobile phone, can we asked that they bring it with them, fully charged, on the day, so that they can contact staff and be contactable by staff, should we need to speak to them. This is particularly important when they are in the Centre:MK. Staff will be situated throughout the Centre and all students will be given an emergency contact card with the numbers of the trip leaders. It has also been made very clear to students that they must remain in groups of at least three at all times.

The departure time is particularly important regarding the external visits. It is essential that your child is in school at the time outlined on the letter for their trip, as we want a prompt departure so that they have as much time as possible to enjoy the day. Please note that for **Ice Skating**, this is at the slightly earlier time of **7.30am**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the coaches for students who are not in school on time, so it is important that they allow plenty of time. When they are on their return journey to Sandy, we will ask your child to contact you to give you an estimated time of return.

If you are planning to collect your child by car when they return to school, we kindly ask that you avoid Medusa Way. This road will be extremely congested with large numbers of coaches returning in quick succession. There is, therefore, a very real risk that the road will become gridlocked. If you could arrange to meet your child at another location, further away from the school, that would be very much appreciated and help ensure a safe and smooth end to the day.

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For those students who are remaining in school, we will follow the structure of a normal school day. Students will not line up in the morning as they would do normally, however, they should come straight into school and head to the venue for their chosen activity. Group lists and the locations of the activities will be displayed on the walls as students come into school through the Student Reception doors.

Unless students are taking part in the sports activity, the expectation is that students come into school wearing their normal school uniform and without jewellery. Students taking part in the sports activity should come to school in their PE kits and will remain in them throughout the whole day. The arrangements for break and lunch remain unchanged, and the normal rules regarding behaviour and conduct apply.

I hope that the above gives you a good overview of some of the key points regarding next Tuesday, and that, in combination with the trip letters that have already been sent, you have all the information you need. If there is any further information that you need however, please do not hesitate to contact us using parentcontact@sandysecondaryschool.com

I very much hope that your child enjoys whatever activity or trip they have chosen to take part in.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Rutter
Vice Principal