



## NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"*

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that time has nearly arrived for the children to have a fantastic five days away at Longtown- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022. To confirm the adults going are myself, Miss Smith, Mrs Hogan and we welcome back Mrs Seamark (a Longtown expert). As I have been to Longtown before, I will be leading the residential this year. In addition to this letter, I have recorded a short video explaining about Longtown and what to expect rather than having a meeting. I will be meeting the children on Monday to discuss Longtown with them. I know due to the pandemic going away may be a little nerve-wrecking for both children and adults but rest assured we will support all to ensure that the week is an enjoyable one. Having been on many residential in my teaching career, I am always blown away by how the children develop in so many areas, including teamwork, confidence and resilience.

Children will be split into groups for the day activities and will be together for the evening activities. The accommodation includes small rooms with a sink and storage and shared toilets etc. Children will be writing down three people they would like to share a room with. We will ensure that they will get to be with a least one of their choices when we decide on which rooms children will sleep in but as you know we will need to factor in a range of things in when making the room decisions. School staff will be staying in rooms close by and will be available to support throughout the day and night. We will let the children know who they will be with when we get there and we will have a little discussion on Friday before we go, where I can answer any last minute questions.

### **The Journey**

Children arrive at normal time on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The children shall leave school as soon as they are ready, about 9:00am. Please try to arrive at school by 8.40am for last minute checks and discussions. The children will not need to wear uniform but appropriate clothing for the journey.

Bags can be left by the old front door although please don't block it and children can come into school to the classroom with their day bag for the coach. Mrs Hogan will be available to receive any last minute medical information and medicines. There will be a planned stop at services on the way.

Your child will need a mid-morning snack and a packed lunch to take on the coach with a bottle of water. They might like to bring a small activity for the journey such as Top Trumps etc.

On the return journey the children shall have lunch before leaving and Mrs Marsella-Brookes will then keep you aware of the expected arrival time and updates with traffic. The hopeful time for return is 5:30pm.

### **Clothing /Kit**

We have attached the kit list for you with suggested clothing etc for the trip. The weather will be unpredictable so please ensure there are plenty of clothes to layer up. Please make sure the children have a separate plastic bag for dirty clothing. It will be helpful for you to pack with your child, so they know where everything is and what they have. They might like to practise making their bed, so they know what to do.



Children won't be allowed to take a mobile phone or any electronics with them, but they can bring some small games (i.e. Cards, top trumps), a book and a cuddly toy.

### **Medicines**

All medicines will be given to Mrs Hogan on the morning of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please ensure you complete a medical form to allow staff to administer prescription medicines. You will be asked whether you wish to consent to the use of Calpol at the discretion of the staff for minor needs. You will need to sign on a list again that morning to say that you agree with this. You will be contacted immediately in the event of a serious injury or illness.

### **Pocket Money**

There is an opportunity to visit the shop once during the stay at Longtown. The shop sells mainly Longtown labelled items such as pencils, rulers etc. The children do not need to bring any money but if you wish to give them some, then between £10.00 is the maximum allowed. This must be handed to Mrs Seamark on the Monday morning in a named envelope or wallet. NO money is to be spent in the services.

### **Contact**

We will put updates on Seesaw as much as we can. There are limited opportunities in a very busy day to leave the children and use the internet connection so please be aware that mostly this will happen in the evenings after the children have gone to bed. We will contact you in emergencies to the number using the numbers you have provided. If for any emergency, you need to contact your child then your first port of call would be school who will contact the Longtown team. Alternatively in out of school hours, please email [head@newbottle.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@newbottle.northants-ecl.gov.uk) or the school mobile number: 0772128973.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions after reading this and watching the video.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Smith  
Headteacher