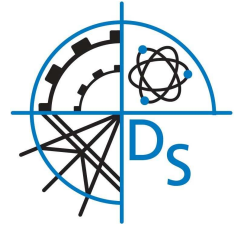


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Dear Parent/Carer

Safe Drive Stay Alive, Hexagon Theatre, Reading – Tuesday 8 November 2011

To raise awareness of road safety, we have organised a visit to the 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' campaign at The Hexagon Theatre, Reading on Tuesday 8 November 2011. We strongly recommend that all students attend this event.

Last year nearly 900 people aged 16-18 were injured on Thames Valley roads and an average of seven young people per week were killed or seriously injured. Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks. Around one in four deaths on the road involve those aged 17-24.

The Safe Drive Stay Alive campaign hopes to reach new and pre-drivers in an emotive and hard-hitting way, influencing behaviour and attitude on the roads. It is an innovative education project, exploring the circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision in order to reduce the number of accidents involving young drivers.

Transport will be by coach, leaving school at 9.45am and returning by approximately 1.00pm. There is no charge for this event as we believe all students will benefit from this eye opening and informative experience.

If you are happy for you son/daughter to attend, please complete the reply slip below and return it to me by Wednesday 2 November.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M West
Head of Norcot House

Safe Drive Stay Alive, Hexagon Theatre, Reading – Tuesday 8 November 2011

Name of student: _____ Tutor group: _____

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the proposed voluntary off-site visit.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important to his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed. I have read through the information overleaf and my child agrees to abide by the code of conduct described. The legal liability of the School Governors, the Headteacher and staff throughout the school visit will be exactly the same as it is when my child is at school.

Parental signature: _____ Date: _____



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STUDENT CONDUCT ON FIELD TRIPS/SCHOOL VISITS

When students attend these occasions they are expected to behave reasonably and within the guidelines laid down by the responsible member(s) of staff. The staff are acting *in loco parentis* and impose clear and fair rules upon the students in order to achieve an efficient, pleasant and safe environment for all.

- It is reasonable that each student should obey any rules laid down and act in a careful and responsible manner.
- It is reasonable that each student carry out any safety procedures laid down by the member of staff.
- It is reasonable that each student report to members of staff at the required times. If the students are to be allowed to spend some time without supervision by staff, then the time period should be short and the students should check in at a regular time and place. Older students may be allowed a longer interval between reporting times. All students should be made aware of the place to which they should report.
- It is reasonable to expect all students on a residential visit to be in bed at a specified time depending on their age. All students will be expected to be in their own rooms and quiet by a specified time.
- It is reasonable to expect the students to behave in a way that does not disturb other people. This may require quiet, sensible behaviour when stipulated.
- It is reasonable to expect all students to behave in a way that does not endanger themselves or any others.
- It is reasonable to expect departures from and arrivals to school outside normal school hours to minimise disturbance to our neighbours.

MAKING PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL VISITS

Due to changes in the administration of school visits, teaching staff are no longer be able to collect money from students themselves. There are now two ways of paying in money for school visits:

1. Parents/carers send cheques via the post. This is the recommended method of payment. Envelopes should be addressed to:

The Finance Office (visits)
Denefield School
Long Lane
Tilehurst
Reading
RG31 6XY

Cheques should be made payable to 'Denefield School' and the student's name, tutor group and title of the visit should be written on the back of the cheque.

2. Students may pay in cheques or cash to the finance office. The office is open at break and lunchtimes every day (10.40 – 11.00am, 12.00 – 1.05pm). Payments cannot be accepted outside these times.

Reply slips/consent forms should also be posted/handed to the finance office. Receipts will be issued to students for all payments received.

**DENEFIELD SCHOOL
PARENTAL CONSENT AND MEDICAL FORM
(OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES)**



To the Parent/Carer

Please find attached to this form information regarding an off-site activity, which is planned from this school. Would you please examine that information and, if you wish your child to attend, complete, sign and return the top copy of this form to the person in charge of the activity as soon as possible.

Student name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

NHS number: (if known) _____

Telephone numbers at which parents/carers can be contacted in case of emergencies:

Is your child currently undergoing medical treatment? If so please give details:

Please give details of any medical conditions that might possibly affect your child's performance or safety on this activity:

Please give family doctor's name and address: _____

Does your child have any special dietary needs? _____

STATEMENT

I acknowledge receipt of the information regarding the proposed visit/activity to

_____ on _____

and consent to my child, named above, participating.

I agree to members of staff giving permission for my child to receive appropriate medical treatment in an emergency.

I undertake to inform the teacher in charge of the activity in the event of any changes in my child's fitness prior to the date of departure.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate relationship to child: _____