



# The Featherstone Academy

10 September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

## YEAR 7 RESILIENCE CAMP 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some details surrounding the Year 7 Resilience Camp we will be holding later this month.

From **Wednesday 19 September 2018** to **Friday 21 September 2018**, we will be running our resilience camp at Bradley Woods Scout campsite in Brighouse, West Yorkshire. Students will leave the academy on Wednesday morning after they have registered as normal and return on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm, spending three days and two nights camping using tents provided by the Academy Trust.

The camp is free of charge to students\*, which is an arrangement we expect every student to take advantage of. The Resilience Camp is a life experience that will furnish our children with memories and learning opportunities that will stay with them long after they have left The Featherstone Academy. This is the sixth year that the Rodillian Multi-Academy Trust has run resilience camps and this tried-and-tested event is sure to lay a perfect foundation for life ahead.

I have included a copy of the Resilience Camp Checklist that was included in the Transition Booklet you received prior to the summer break on the reverse of this letter. The vast majority of these items are regular household items so we do not anticipate there being any difficulty providing these. If you do encounter issues purchasing or borrowing any of the items, please contact the Academy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [cmiller@featherstone.academy](mailto:cmiller@featherstone.academy) or [admin@featherstone.academy](mailto:admin@featherstone.academy)

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head of School

\*Transport to and from the venue, tents, food, camp fees and events charges are all covered by the Academy. Students will need to provide the equipment that is listed on the reverse of this letter, most of which they may already have or be able to borrow from friends or relatives.

### Resilience Camp Equipment List

**ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH FIRST NAME AND SURNAME.**

<b>ESSENTIAL BASIC ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSONAL HYGIENE</b> (Shower and wash facilities are available on-site)
• Warm sleeping bag (in appropriate bag)	• Soap
• Blanket or Karri-mat for under the sleeping bag	• Towel
• Fully waterproof cagoule or rain coat	• Toothbrush
• Wellington boots	• Toothpaste
	• Sunblock/protection
<b>CLOTHING</b>	
• Sturdy trainers (not pumps) or walking boots	<b>PERSONAL CATERING EQUIPMENT</b>
• Jeans, tracksuit/jogging bottoms	• Lunch box
• Sweaters/hoodies	• <b>Plastic drinks container</b> (for drinking water)
• T-shirts	• Knife, fork, spoon
• Shorts	• 2 plastic or metal plates
• Pyjamas or separate tracksuit for sleeping in	• Plastic or metal soup/cereal dish
• Underwear	• 1 tea towel
• Socks – Include some thick ones to prevent sore feet if hiking	
• Swim wear	
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>	
• Rucksack - for carrying waterproofs, lunch etc.	• Spare strong dustbin/rubble bag for sleeping bags/dirty clothes on return journey.
• Torch and spare batteries	• A strap or belt for tying-up sleeping bag at end of camp
• Spare carrier bags for dirty/wet clothing	
<b>OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b>	
<b><u>ELECTRICAL DEVICES INCLUDING MOBILE PHONES</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students <b><u>MUST NOT</u></b> bring any electrical equipment such as iPods, MP3 players and PSPs. (There is nowhere to charge or power these devices on site).</li> <li>• <b>Mobile phones are banned</b> at camp and must not be brought. They present the risk of theft, loss or damage and have caused significant disruption to the smooth running of camp in previous years.</li> </ul>	
<b>AN EMERGENCY MOBILE PHONE NUMBER WILL BE PROVIDED TO PARENTS/CARERS.</b>	
<b><u>SPENDING MONEY</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Students will not be leaving the camp site to visit attractions</b> but there is a souvenir and tuck-shop on site where they can purchase items when the shop is open. A maximum of £3 is recommended. All students are encouraged to spend wisely and exercise careful budgeting. <b>Staff will not accept liability for any monies brought to camp;</b> please bring something to keep money in that allows them to take it with them at all times.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>LUGGAGE</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must restrict their luggage to one small suitcase or bag, a sleeping bag and a small draw-string-type day sack or rucksack.</li> </ul>	

**Please note:**

The Featherstone Academy will not accept any liability for, or spend time investigating incidents that lead to the theft, loss or damage of mobile phones or other electrical equipment brought to camp against our directions. Any such equipment found on site will be confiscated for the duration of camp and returned to students when we arrive back at school. We will not accept liability for money that is lost or stolen whilst at camp.