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Ref: DCN/AHE/Boat 1 & 2 Non PP

6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware your child is taking part in the Canal Boat trip that we are running in association with the LNBP. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to learn key life skills such as teamwork, communication and independence as well as being a thoroughly enjoyable way of learning about part of the rich industrial heritage in the Midlands.

This letter contains some answers to a few FAQs that have been directed our way and we hope you find it useful.

#### **Mobile Phones**

Students have been advised that they are not to bring mobile phones with them. This decision has been reached as there is very limited facility with which to charge them, there is very little signal along the allocated canal route and if they are carried in pockets, there is a high chance of them becoming damaged by water due to the highly physical nature of the activities the students will be undertaking on the course of the trip.

If you needed to contact your child in an emergency the procedure would be to call the school who would then pass a message onto the allocated member of staff on the boat with your child.

#### **Catering and Dietary Requirements**

On the first day of your child's trip we would ask that you provide them with a packed lunch for the journey to the LNBP Base at Braunston. We ask this as there is limited storage space on the boat and if we can save space by having a lunch before we get to the canal then this would be ideal.

Students will be working with their allocated member of staff planning their menu and shopping for food for the whole trip on the first day of their journey taking into account one another's dietary requirements, allergies and preferences.

**The school has a list of these allergies and requirements, however if you feel that there is something important you may have neglected to inform us regarding these, then please do not hesitate to contact the school to let us know before the first day of your child's trip.**

Please also note that all food is included in the price paid for the trip so your child does not require any spending money.

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### Key Dates

Please find below key dates and timings that you will find useful whilst they are on the trip.

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Students arrive at school normal time in non-school uniform with luggage and a packed lunch.

**08:55-10:55:** Period 1 and 2 as normal

**11:00:** Students will gather in room 5 for head count and last minute meeting before boarding minibuses and setting off to LNBP Base Braunston via a supermarket to shop for supplies for the trip.

**13:00:** Students board boats at Braunston and set off along the canal.

**Approx. 19:00:** Students dock up for dinner and first overnight stop.

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**08:00:** Students to wake and have breakfast before they follow set route as discussed in their meetings with the LNBP volunteer.

**13:00:** Students will stop for lunch before continuing along route.

**Approx. 19:00:** Students dock up for dinner and second overnight stop.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**08:00:** Students to wake and have breakfast before completing the route to the pickup point.

**13:00:** Students are picked up by school minibuses from pickup point and are driven back to school before the end of school day.

If you require any more information regarding any aspect of the trip, the please do not hesitate to contact us here at the school and we shall do our best to answer your query.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Canning-England



Mr W Jenkins