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Dear Parent

Head: Jane Partridge

Outdoor Learning Pilot Scheme at Northfleet Technology College

As part of a new school initiative we have been exploring the idea of introducing an outdoor based learning programme for selected students in order to help them achieve in a variety of areas. Research shows that taking part in activities such as fire starting and shelter building in an outdoor setting helps enhance participant's team work, coordination, respect, as well as improving confidence.

We plan to deliver a programme that will develop your son's skills in the safe setting of our schools science garden. This programme will ensure your son has the ability to set realistic but challenging goals, improve their concentration and allow them to gain an understanding and appreciation of hard work and accomplishment. These skills will be vital and transferable to your son's studies and help him achieve academically.

This opportunity is being offered only to selected students and is of no cost to yourself. All we ask is that your son commits to the programme and gives it his focus and attention.

I must briefly clarify one issue in regards to behaviour. As I am sure you are aware, activities such as shelter building and fire lighting can be dangerous if safety procedures are not followed. Every effort has been made on the schools part to ensure your son's safety. However, this relies on your son following instructions given to him quickly by any member of staff, and that he does nothing to cause a risk to himself or others. While I have no major concerns over any of the students, I would appreciate it if you could have a chat with your son in regards to his behaviour before starting this programme. Please be aware that if your son is not abiding by the rules there may be a risk that he will be unable to take part in any activities.

This programme will start next week on Monday the 20 November and will run in school hours (during period 4 and 5). The number of weeks this course will run for is totally dependent on their individual progress and needs.

If you have any further queries about any issues regarding the programme please do not hesitate to get in touch either via the school office on email at parker@ntc.kent.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Parker
Outdoor Education Specialist

Reply Slip: Outdoor education programme at Northfleet Technology College.

Student Name: _____ Year Group & LC: _____

I/we give permission for my/our son to participate in the outdoor programmes activities.

Should the necessity arise, I/We agree to the person in charge of the party giving consent on my/our behalf for any other urgent medical treatment to be given. We also give permission for my/our son to participate in the outdoor programme activities.

Please give any details of Medical conditions or allergies below:

Parent contact name _____

Telephone number _____