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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Spiers Bank House Visit

As we approach the visits to Spiers Bank beginning on 26 June, the visit is now closed to applications. Please find below a reminder of when each tutor group is visiting.

Date of Visit Tutor Group

- 25-26 June 7H2
- 29-30 June 7J1
- 30 June -1 July 7J2
- 1-2 July 7M1
- 2-3 July 7M2
- 6-7 July 7B2
- 7-8 July 7B1
- 8-9 July 7H1

Students are reminded that the journey to Spiers Bank house is approximately one hour and once there the students will be able to store their food in the areas provided, including ample access to freezers and refrigerators. We will not be stopping at a shop on the way. As students are bringing their own food for lunches and the evening meal, they should ensure that they meet their dietary requirements. If there is any concern regarding dietary requirements for the breakfast provided, which will be a range of cereals, toast, margarine and jams, please let us know. Students are welcome to bring their own additional snacks/sweets with them, but we ask students to avoid chewing gum.

As mentioned in the previous letter the students will participate in a walk from Spiers Bank to the "Forest Cabins" Cropton site where there is a small shop and café, so they may wish to bring a small amount of spending money, although there is no necessity for this. Unfortunately, the cafe only accepts card payments now so if students have access to their own card, they can use this. If students don't then unfortunately, they will not be able to purchase anything. The Forest Cabins site will, however, still provide a space for students to eat their lunch.

Please be aware that due to the recent weather and the natural surroundings, there is the possibility that there may be ticks in the area around Spiers. As a result, we will encourage students to:



- Walk on clearly defined paths and avoid long grass, dense vegetation and damp areas.
- Wear sensible outdoor clothing, preferably light-coloured so that ticks are easier to spot.
- Wear shoes at all times when on the grass/field - avoid flip-flops and open toed sandals
- Wear trousers rather than shorts when doing activities in the woods / areas with tall vegetation
- Cover up and use suitable insect repellents on areas of skin that remain exposed.
- Thoroughly check themselves after being outdoors in woods, forests or areas with long grass.

Student responsibilities

The contribution that a residential visit to Spiers Bank House can make to the personal and social development of our students is boundless. It is also an excellent opportunity for teachers to further develop the positive relationship they have with their students. The school hopes that all students who visit Spiers Bank House will behave in an acceptable manner, paying particular regard to the following expectations:

- Clean all items used in the kitchen after each meal
- Help to clean and tidy Spiers Bank House before departure
- Put all litter in bins or put it in a bag/pocket until a bin is available
- Follow staff instructions at all times

Students who are unable to meet these expectations may need to return to Driffield rather than completing their stay at Spiers.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Andrews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr D Andrews
Assistant Headteacher and Chairman of Spiers Bank House Trust