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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: WILD WEST Session

Your child's class has WILD WEST sessions on the following dates this year. Please record these dates in your diary:

- Tuesday 26th September 2023
- Tuesday 28th November 2023
- Tuesday 30th January 2024
- Monday 18th March 2024 (all day)
- Tuesday 7th May 2024
- Tuesday 25th June 2024

WILD WEST, is unique to Westerings and is part of our Education Outside the Classroom offer.

Our WILD WEST curriculum is designed to provide our pupils with enriching experiences beyond the four walls of the classroom, allowing them to discover and develop their unique potential, and ultimately find their "Remarkable." The curriculum is a carefully crafted initiative aimed at enhancing the personal development and character education of our students. Through this program, we intend to scaffold their growth in various key areas, including:

- 1. **Resilience and problem solving skills:** Students will encounter challenges and opportunities that will test their resilience, teaching them to adapt and overcome obstacles.
- 2. **Communication Skills:** Engaging in diverse activities will foster improved communication skills, enabling our pupils to express themselves effectively and listen attentively.
- 3. **Collaboration:** Working in teams during WILD WEST activities will teach valuable collaboration skills, emphasising the importance of teamwork and cooperation.
- 4. **Confidence**: As students step out of their comfort zones, they will gain confidence in their abilities and decisions, paving the way for greater self-assuredness.
- 5. **Independence**: WILD WEST encourages students to take initiative and make independent choices, nurturing a sense of responsibility and self-reliance.
- 6. Creative Talents: The program provides opportunities for creative expression, allowing students to explore and develop their artistic and innovative capabilities.

Important Information for WILD WEST Sessions:

Time: WILD WEST will be taught in the morning, so your child is **required to bring in their school_P.E uniform, including trainers,** to change into after their session. This will ensure that they have warm and dry clothes to wear for the remainder of the school day.

Attire: All WILD WEST lessons are taught outdoors, in all weathers!

Please ensure that your child **comes to school** on their WILD WEST session date wearing their old clothes and wellies.

Please see the list of appropriate clothing items they can wear:

Wetter months: December, January, February, March and April:

- A long sleeve top
- Long trousers (safety reasons and warmth)
- A warm fleece/hoodie/jumper (weather dependent)
- Old trainers or Wellies to wear during the WILD WEST session (winter months wellies are advised as it can get very muddy up in the WILD WEST AREA)
- Warm waterproof coat / Wet weather suit
- Beanie or warm hat
- Gloves
- Wellies

Warmer weather: September, October, May, June, July:

- Long sleeve top and trousers to protect from gnat bites/ safety reasons
- Jumper
- Sunhat
- Showerproof coat / puddle suit
- Wellies it can still be very muddy up in the WILD WEST classroom even in the warmer months
- Please apply sunblock and inset repellent **before** coming to school

If your child does not have the appropriate outdoor clothing, they will be unable to participate in the session.

Remember, "There is no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing."

Warm regards,

Mrs Shorten and Mrs M.Collier WILD WEST Leaders