



# Upton Family Camp-out: Final Details



Dear Camping Parents,

The excitement has been mounting at school ahead of our camping event this coming Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Below is the important information you need to know for the event. Please take the time to read carefully.

**How it works:** The absolute first thing to bear in mind is that this is an event run by families for families. We charge a very small amount per tent and have activities running through the day, so value for money is excellent and no profit is made. Most of the money raised by the event has gone back into the event, with anything left benefiting your pupils at school. Therefore, the event only runs if our campers are willing to pitch in and help out where they can.

### **Arrival:**

**No cars are allowed on the field.** It's not safe for the hundreds of children at the event and destroys an area of school we work very hard to preserve for the children. **Our official arrival time is 1pm** (activities don't begin until 2pm) **but** anyone who has a **camper van or trailer tent needs to arrive between 11.00am and 11.30am** so we can escort you on and off the field as quickly as possible.

**\*\*\*\*Unfortunately, it NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ALLOCATE CAMPING SPACES in any form as planned, simply because everyone has such different sized tents that generic pitch sizes would mean we have no space for activities on the field. It was a lovely idea but not practical with this many campers. Camping areas will be set up in rows, as last year, and campers need to pitch tightly to make sure we get everyone in. Everyone at the camping is an Upton parent or friend of Upton, so please use common sense if any issues arise and work together. When you arrive, choose a camp space and begin setting up. \*\*\***

**If you have a preference as to whom you camp near to, please arrive between 12-1pm together** to set up near each other. We cannot slot you in later next to a particular person unless there is space. If you arrive as a group and cannot set up together please speak to Mr Walker

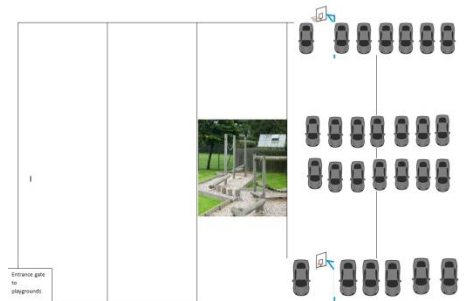
**If you have no preference who you are next to, please arrive between 1pm-2pm**

### **Parking:**

Parking is on the school playground, using this basic format of parking rows. **No cars are allowed on the field.** Marshalls will be present to help direct you to parking areas. Once the playground is full the car park can be used. Campers can use our trolleys and the assistance of our many helpers to move their camping equipment to their pitching area. Once you have pitched your own tents it would be helpful to volunteer to help others carry equipment from their cars to the field, in the spirit of the event.

### **During the day:**

Events begin at 2pm (see below). This year we are operating a hand-stamping system for access to the lazer-tag; climbing wall, bouncy castles and any event we run. Children **who are on the list of paid campers**



will have their hand stamped by one of the organisers and can go on these events as many times as they wish for no charge.

In case of a fire, the congregation point is the adventure playground on the school playground.

We have a couple of volunteer first aiders who can be contacted through the main announcement table near the school. St John's ambulance will be joining us later in the evening.

Time	Activities	
2pm-6pm	<i>Lazer-tag; climbing wall; bouncy castles; play equipment</i>	
6.00pm-7pm	<i>Parents and Kids Football Parents and Kids Rounders</i>	
7pm-8pm	<i>Year 4 and under disco</i>	<i>Free time equipment out</i>
8pm-9pm	<b>Year 5 and above disco</b>	<b>Free time equipment out</b>
9pm	<i>Activities packed away – all help gratefully received!</i>	

**Refreshments** will be on sale during the event from two areas. Mr Carter has a food van near the pavilion and the Ladies have a BBQ on the stage. Toilets can be found in the pavilion and in the portaloos on the field.

**During the night:** The gates to the school and field will not be locked – just shut in case access is needed. I will be setting up my tent with my young family near the school and am the central contact person during the night in case of emergencies. An Upton flag will be outside the tent so you can identify it  
*Below are specific rules to this event. These are rules that are essential for the management of the event, as well as the enjoyment and safety of everyone involved. These are especially relevant as we have so many young children involved.*

### **Camping Rules:**

- **As on your entry form, 'lights out' is at 11.00pm and the campsite should be SILENT to allow families to sleep.No groups staying up talking or moving around as this is inconsiderate of others trying to sleep nearby.**
- **ALL BBQ's must be elevated BBQ's and not near ground level for the safety of the many children running around. BBQ's should also be set up a sensible distance from tents and supervised at all times**
- There is no entry to the school building without permission from Upton Staff.
- No tents should be pitched outside the designated areas
- No cars are allowed on the field
- No ball games, running or cooking in the main walkway areas between tent rows. Games can take place in the activities areas and cooking needs to be in a sensible, supervised area near your tent
- No loud music or loud noise after 9pm or very early in the morning. Many small children will be trying to sleep and we have neighbours to consider!
- No drunkenness or bad language.
- No open fires, stoves or anything similar close to the ground at all
- All litter disposed of correctly-our school children play here
- Parents are fully responsible for the health, safety and behaviour of their children at the event.
- Children must be supervised by parents while taking part in any organised activities
- All play equipment belongs to the school and should not be removed from activity areas
- All campers need to be off-site by 11am on Sunday – all help to pack away would be greatly appreciated.

If you need anything or are unsure about anything please just ask and we will do our best to help. **Remember: The day can only be a success if everyone is prepared to pitch in together and help out where they can. Kind Regards – Mr Walker, Mr Russell and the UPTFA**