



Upton Family Camp-out: Final Details



Dear Camping Parents,

The excitement has been mounting at school ahead of our camping event this coming Saturday 11th July. Below is important information you need to know for the event. Please take the time to read carefully.

Before we start: The absolute first thing to bear in mind is that this is an event run by a very small number of volunteers for the benefit of families and the school. We charge a small amount per tent and just £2 for a child wristband that enables them to take part in activities all day. All this money goes to the swimming pool campaign (total currently at £56 000) and no-one running the day makes any profit. The value for money is excellent and the whole day is really about **people pitching in to help. On that note...the activities running are heavily reliant on parents of children attending giving up some time on the day to help.** This year we need specific help with items below:

1. **Car Park Marshals (11-1pm)**
2. **Some of our activities need staffing - (bouncy castle, pillow bash, pedal carts) for them to operate.** Can you donate an hour on the day just to supervise - its simple stuff
3. **BBQ** - we'd love to have a BBQ running for a couple of hours so that campers can buy burgers. We have a gas BBQ and the burgers - it just needs a couple of adults to help run it.
4. Can you offer a service to campers - something for children to do on the day for example? We'd love to have a face painter or crafts etc running in addition to everything else.
Please contact me on dave.walker@upton.kent.sch.uk, phone the school and leave a message, speak to me on the playground or contact the PTFA upton.ptfa@upton.kent.sch.uk ASAP if you can help with any of these.

At the start of the day:

No cars are coming on the field except to park in designated areas. It's incredibly dangerous when we have so many young children running around. Campers can arrive from 12pm, park and unload their equipment. We have trolleys and helpers available. 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.

If you have a caravan, trailer tent or similar and therefore need car access to the field you need at arrive at 10.30am so you can detach and then take your car from the field before anyone else arrives.

If you need disabled access in any form please make sure you have contacted me prior to the event.

As every year, camping areas will be set up in rows and campers need to pitch sensibly 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 **together** to set up near each other. We cannot slot you in later next to a particular person unless there is space.

During the day:

Events begin at 1pm (see below). This year we are operating a wristband system at a cost of £2 for access to any activities. Children **who are on the list of paid campers** can purchase these from the PTFA gazebo (which is also where you register when you arrive) and can go on events as many times as they wish for no charge.

Time	Activities
2pm-6pm	<i>Bouncy castle; pillow bash; pedal carts; play equipment; etc</i>
3pm-8pm	<i>Revolution Skatepark mobile ramps (bring your own scooters/skateboards)</i>
6.00pm-7pm	<i>Parents and Kids Football & Parents and Kids Rounders</i>
7.30pm-9.30pm	<i>DVD in hall</i> <i>Free time equipment out</i>
9.30pm	<i>Activities packed away - all help gratefully received!</i>

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

The PTFA are selling coffee, tea, cold drinks, ice creams and food during the day

During the night: The gates to the school and field will not be locked - just shut - in case access is needed. I will be sleeping in the school with my young family in a classroom next to the field and am the central contact person during the night in case of emergencies. Just bang on the door!

Camping Rules:

- **All children (under 16) to be with their parents at their tents at 10pm latest. At 11.00pm 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. Tent walls do not keep out noise made.**
- **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. No open fires at all.**
- There is no entry to the school building except to use the designated toilets.
- No tents should be pitched outside the designated areas
- No cars are allowed on the field unless with express permission
- 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 and **not past 9pm**
- No 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!
- Appropriate language and behaviour at all times
- All litter disposed of correctly - our school children play here
- Parents are fully responsible for the health, safety, first aid 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.
- No dogs or smoking on school site

If you have any questions please contact me. We look forward to another great event. Kind regards - Mr Walker and the PTFA