

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This letter contains important information about the KS3 Bike Ride and Pier Walk, taking place this **Friday, 12th July**. Please note that school uniform is not required, and pupils should dress appropriately for the weather and the walk/cycle ride.

Please read the information below carefully:

Bike Ride

Arrival: 0830-0915

- Pupils to arrive at school **via the Main (Prittlewell Chase) entrance only**, between 0830 and 0915. All pupils will register at the main gate, to be allocated to a group, before having their bike checked in the visitor car park.
- If your son is not able to attend school on Friday, please contact the main office and leave a message on the absence line by leaving a message after the beep.

Equipment:

- **If a bike is deemed un-safe/un-roadworthy, that pupil will not be allowed to participate in the ride.** The video here: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/mcheck> demonstrates a simple bike check, that we would recommend is completed in advance of the ride.
- **All pupils must wear a properly fitting helmet to be allowed to participate in the ride** – please check the straps are adjusted to be snug around the chin.
- The weather forecast is rapidly changing, please ensure your son brings a waterproof jacket.
- There is a water stop, but we would recommend each pupil brings a bottle of water on the ride.

Lunch:

- We will break for lunch on arrival at East Beach.
- You have been able to order hot food, please ensure your son knows which item they have ordered - as all hot food has been pre-ordered, they will not be able to change any orders on the day.
- If you have not ordered food, please ensure your son has a packed lunch
- There *may* be the opportunity to purchase additional snacks from vendors at East Beach



End of Day:

- Groups will return to SHSB from around 1430. The kiosk will be open for school card food purchases. Once most groups have returned, pupils will be allowed to leave school early.

Pier Walkers

If you are completing the walk, **please do not come to school in the morning**, you will be meeting by the pier entrance (the tall glass building) where you will be registered, as follows:

- **YEAR 7** - Please arrive at 9am
- **YEAR 8** - Please arrive at 9.15am
- **YEAR 9** - Please arrive at 9.30am
- **If you are a prefect and in Year 12, please arrive at 9.15am**
- You will then walk in year groups with designated members of staff to the grass area at East Beach, Shoebury
- The same lunch arrangements apply as those cycling (see above)
- You will then walk back to Southend Pier, where you will be registered and then released to make your own way home from there. Approximately **2.30pm**.
- If you are being picked up from the base of Southend Pier then make sure it's about 2.30pm please.
- The walk is approximately 9 miles therefore bring water and sensible footwear and clothing.

Note to Walkers

There will be no minibus from the school to the Pier. Therefore, if you get a contract bus, (we have already communicated this to you) you will need to take the train.

**Greater Anglia line – Southend Victoria – 10 minute walk to pier
C2C line – Southend Central – 5 minute walk to the pier**

We look forward to walking/cycling with you on Friday!

Yours sincerely



Mr G D March



Mr J L Brandon