

9th June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Aquafest – 2nd July 2017

Ely College is getting ready to take part in the Ely Aquafest raft race. The event will take place on Sunday 2nd July at Ely's waterfront. We have been working closely with the Rotary Club who put on this fantastic festival in our community each year and have secured an entry into the race for four of our students, to represent the school, and a space to set up a young enterprise stall.

Your child has expressed an interest in being a part of this exciting opportunity to showcase Ely College to the local community. While staff have been busy securing materials and sponsorship for our raft, students have been signing up to build, decorate and race the raft, or plan and run the enterprise stall on the day.

We would like to ensure we produce something the school can be proud of (and something that actually floats!) so we are dedicating one day off timetable to complete the build with a limited number of students. This will be on a first come, first served basis. We are pleased to welcome an outdoor learning specialist from a fellow CMAT school to help us with this on Thursday 15th June.

Following the build day, we will continue to hold regular lunchtime clubs to finalise the plans for our enterprise stall and run through health and safety procedures for the raft race. In addition to the four raft racers who need to be over 14 years of age and strong swimmers, we will need 'pit crew' on the day for the raft, and a separate team for the enterprise stall. We hope all students will be there on the day with their families to cheer Ely College on. Please make a note of this date.

Staffing on the day will be limited so we ask that students come in the care of their families and stop by the stall and raft race to help out as they can. A rota maybe be set up closer to the event. Please indicate via the attached permission slip if you are happy for your son/daughter to participate in either or both of these activities and return the slip to Mrs Vella via the Main Office before lunchtime Tuesday 13th June. If any parents have any materials or logistical resources they can offer the school for this event we would be keen to hear from you (example: transport for the raft, to the waterside).

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Vella
Communications Officer and Aquafest Coordinator



To: Main Office – Raft Building Session and Ely Aquafest– K Vella

Student’s Name: (please print) Form:

- My child would like to take part in the Raft Building day on **15th June 2017**
- My child would like to help with the Ely College raft race pit crew at Aquafest on **2nd July 2017**
- My child would like to help on the Ely College community and enterprise stall at Aquafest on **2nd July 2017**
- (14 years and over only) My child would like to be part of the 4-person raft team at Aquafest on **2nd July 2017**
- My child is a confident swimmer and, if selected, we can provide evidence (swimming certificates etc)
- I understand that Aquafest is a busy family fun day and on the day students can come and go as needed but they must sign out with a member of Ely College staff before venturing off to the fair/return to friends and family.
- I am happy for photos of my child to be used to promote the College, including on the website and social media

Dietary/Medical issues which may impact on the event:

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Emergency Contact Number:

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Signed (Parent/Carer)

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Name in Print:

Date:

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Please return the slip to the Main Office by Tuesday 13th June – thank you.