

Key Stage 2 Residential Visits Information Evening





Agenda

- Why are residential visits important?
- Safety and staffing
- Cost and payment
- Cotswold/Oxford – Year 3
- Cuffley, Hertfordshire (Bushcraft Company) – Year 4
- Isle of Wight – Year 5
- Boughton Woods (Bushcraft Company)– Year 6



Why are residential visits important?

- The OFSTED report into Learning outside the Classroom highlights the benefits of such activities throughout school life.
- More relaxed relationships between staff and pupils due to the nature of the activities taking place in an environment different from that of school.
- Pupils develop relationships, confidence, independence and team work.
- Widen pupil's understanding of the wider world.
- Chance to learn skills and experience things school cannot offer





Safety and staffing

- Member of Senior Leadership will plan and lead the visit.
- All residential visits have to have Local Authority approval
- Existing knowledge of venue is used. Where the venue is new, staff will visit the site and seek testimonials from other schools
- Risk assessments are completed by school and, as appropriate, provided by the venue. These are re-visited before and during the visit if circumstances change.
- In Y4 & Y6, qualified centre staff from The Bushcraft Company lead the activities with school staff supporting.



Trip Changes

The Year 4 and Year 6 trips are new this year. Why have we done this?

- Significant cost increases by previous providers
 - New providers have cut Y4 trip by £40 and Y6 by £67
- Long travel times due to distance from school
 - New locations are no more than 1 hour from school
- New sites allow arrival from 10am meaning full first day, previous sites did not allow arrival until mid-afternoon
 - More activity time as children can get a full day on their arrival day
- Presence of other site users sometimes impacted on experience of our group
 - Children will not come into contact with other schools (although they will be on site)
- Although both visits are provided by the same company, and there will be some commonalities, we have worked hard with them to ensure they are different
 - Y4 more “standard” outward bound/adventure based
 - Y6 survival themed



Cost and Payment

- All costs are based on 30 children taking part.
- The cost of each visit includes transport, accommodation, food and all activities.
- Breakdown of costs is available on our website to demonstrate full transparency.
- Per-head costs are set by the centres we visit and are based on the time of year, level of supervision required, food, equipment and insurance.
- Accommodation costs are a charge to all pupils and not based on voluntary contributions.
- The cost of transport and activities are on the same basis as all school trips during school hours.
- As with all trips, they will not go ahead unless enough voluntary contributions are received.
- Payment plans are set up so the visit can be paid for in instalments. This can now be done via parent pay. Mrs Jones oversees this.



Oxford

2nd-3rd June 2020

Cost £104

- First trip away from home without family for many children.
- Sleep in rooms of 4 or larger shared dormitories.
- Dinner & breakfast provided by Youth Hostel. Lunch from Bella Italia – chosen in advance!
- Includes visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park on first day
- Visit The Story Museum in Oxford on the second day





Cuffley

29th June – 1st July 2020

Cost £193

- Two nights away from home.
- Sleep in bell tents (single sex), need to bring a sleeping bag.
- Activities supervised by fully qualified centre staff.
- All meals included.
- Activities aimed at challenge include high & low ropes, night line, campfire, and archery.
- Challenge through choice.





Isle of Wight

20th – 24th April 2020

Cost £307

- Children to spend a whole week in the Isle of Wight.
- Travelling to Portsmouth before catching the Wightlink Ferry to the Isle of Wight staying in The Bernay Hotel
- A range of days out exploring the whole of the Isle of Wight.
- Days out could include Alum Bay, Blackgang Chine, Osborne House and some time at the beach.





Boughton Woods

22nd – 26th June 2020

Cost £357

- Four nights away from home, developing independence.
- Sleep in bell tents (single sex), children bring a sleeping bag.
- Activities supervised by fully qualified centre staff and All meals included.
- Survival based activities, children work in tribes e.g. camouflage, trap making, wilderness cooking, fire skills
- Our school only in the camp
- Challenge through choice.





Food

Food will always be a concern for parents

- No child will ever go hungry!
- Allergies fully accommodated
- Pre-order for Oxford
- Day before orders for Isle of Wight
- Variety of options in all settings
- Y4 & Y6 will be involved in some of their food preparation & cooking





Night time routines

- Clear “lights out” times will be given
- Nervousness and homesickness will always be handled with care and sensitivity
- Staff will never go to bed until all children are asleep
- Children will always know where staff are should they need them during the night





Kit

- A kit list will be provided in advance of all trips
- No special equipment is needed except a sleeping bag, pillow, roll mat and torch for Y4 & Y6
- DO NOT buy new clothes!
- Name EVERYTHING!!!



Any Questions?

