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Year 5 Residential 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding a Year 5 one night residential in May 2027. We are currently making the final arrangements for the trip, and we are able to tell you everything you need to know.

The date of the trip will be **Monday 17th May 2027 – Tuesday 18th May 2027** with a cost of **£148.58** per child. This amount represents excellent value for the quality of the experience the children will have, and covers the cost of accommodation, bedding and meals for the two days of amazing activities at Oakwood Climbing Centre. This can be paid on Parent Pay, and once you have paid, your child's place on the trip will be secured. All we ask from you is that you drop your child to Oakwood on the 17th May at 9:00am, and that they bring a packed lunch for the first day.

For children who qualify for the PPG grant and Free School Meals, Oakwood offers a bursary to cover the majority of the cost of the residential. For those this applies to, it will be raised separately on Parent Pay, and any questions about this can be directed to secretary@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk. If your child does not qualify for the PPG grant, but you believe a bursary would be helpful for your family, please email the office as we can put in a bid for these cases, although there is not a guarantee that it will be accepted by Oakwood.

We are hosting a parent information session straight after school on Friday 7th May 2027, where we will answer any questions from parents regarding the residential.

The children will be provided with sleeping arrangements: either in the dormitories, or in the 'activity tents', and will have a full two days of activities, where they can develop their perseverance, independence and self-challenge. Please pack your child with **WARM BEDDING** (blankets,

duvets etc), as – depending on the weather – the tents and the dorms can get cold at night time, and we want to make sure your children get the best sleep possible.

Oakwood Outdoor is a leading residential activity centre, welcoming thousands of children each year. Their centre provides a rewarding and thrilling programme of outdoor and indoor adventure activities, with secure and controlled residential accommodation. Residential courses organised by the school are an optional, but invaluable part of the National Curriculum. Pupils benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially and we feel certain that the trip which we have chosen this year will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.

Payment can be paid in full, or in instalments via Parent Pay. Please note all payments are non-refundable.

Should you wish to discuss anything in regard to payments for the visit, please do not hesitate to contact us. Similarly, if you wish to discuss help for the costs please contact us via the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clifford and Miss Grist

Oakwood Outdoor Residential Kit List

Clothing

o Suitable nightwear

o Underwear

o Trousers/leggings for activities (not jeans)

o Shorts (summer groups)

o 1 pair of trainers for activities

o Pair of dry shoes for evening

o Fleeces/jumpers for activities

o T-shirts

o Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)

o Warm coat or similar (winter groups)

o Hat and gloves (winter groups)

o Baseball hat/sun hat (summer groups)

o 1 or 2 sets of clothes for the evening

Please make sure you bring clothes that are appropriate for being active in and that are appropriate for the forecasted weather.

Other Items

o One towel for showering

o One 'old' towel for wet activities

o Water bottle

o Sun cream (summer groups)

o Small rucksack/ bag

o Labelled bin bag for wet and dirty clothing

o Washbag (including soap, shampoo and toothpaste)

o Sleeping bag/duvet and pillow (unless otherwise advised)

Please do not bring any aerosols as they can set off our fire alarms. We recommend that you do not bring items with you such as mobile phones, tablets, jewellery etc. or anything else of value that you do not want to get lost or broken.

Schools

Residential

What experience does Oakwood have working with schools?

At Oakwood we have been working closely with local schools for the past 20 years and have built up strong relationships. These relationships have allowed us to continually improve the outdoor activity sessions we offer to incorporate school projects, goals and individuals' development. This desire to improve and work with schools to achieve their particular aims brings many schools back time and again to Oakwood.

What are the accommodation arrangements like?

We have 10 comfortable dormitories which sleep up to 6 people in 3 sets of bunk beds. The rooms are arranged on two separate corridors of four rooms each with two separate rooms on the end of the block. Schools often have separate corridors for boys and girls with teachers using the end rooms. Please view our Dormitory plan.

We have another building called the range comprising of 2 bedrooms each sleeping 4 people (2 single beds + 1 bunk bed in each room) both rooms with own ensuite. The range also has its own small lounge area with sofas.

In addition to this we also offer Adventure Tents for larger groups visiting during the summer months. The Adventure Tents have separate toilets and showers.

Do we need to bring bedding?

Sheets are provided on all the beds, we advise people to bring their own duvets/sleeping bag and pillows but these can be provided at a cost of £6 per person per visit.

Are the bedrooms ensuite?

Yes, all of our rooms have modern ensuite bathrooms, including showers.

What is the food like?

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in our dining room and the food is chosen with health and nutrition in mind. We can also cater for children with dietary or religious needs if we are informed in advance.