



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Year 5 Residential 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding a Year 5 one night residential this year at Oakwood Outdoor.

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 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 will prove to be both enjoyable and very worthwhile.

Activities may include (weather dependent!): abseiling, zip lining, rope climbing, off-road go-karting, crate challenges, orienteering, bush craft and movie night. Children are encouraged to stretch themselves within their individual limits, but never forced to undertake any activities.

The date of the trip will be 20^{th} May $2024 - 21^{st}$ May 2024 with a cost of £125.00 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 full days of instructor-led activities at Oakwood Climbing Centre. We ask parents to drop children to Oakwood on Monday 20^{th} May at 9:00am and that they bring a packed lunch for the first day. Please do collect children at 4pm on Tuesday 21^{st} May.

The children will be provided with their sleeping arrangements: either in the dormitories, or in the 'activity safari tents', and will have a full two days of activities, where they can develop their perseverance, independence and self-challenge. The girls will be staying in the dormitories, and the boys will be staying in the activity tents. Children will need **warm bedding** (blankets, duvets, sleeping bags etc), as both the tents and dorms can become cool at night time. While we encourage children to test their independence by staying overnight, we understand some children may wish to go home overnight. This can be accommodated, however there is no discount available as we have sole use of the facility.

Payment can be paid in full, or in instalments via sQuid. Please note all payments are non-refundable. If you receive Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) for your child further information will be provided relating to any available support.

Payment Schedule

- £,50 by 31st January to secure your child's place
- £,50 by 1st March
- £25 by 1st April

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

Yours sincerely,

Sasha Picton and Joy Venediktou Year 5 teachers











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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. Clothes are likely to take on some wear, so please do not wear your best and make sure they are practical!

Other Items

o One towel for showering o Small rucksack/ bag

o One 'old' towel for wet activities o Labelled bin bag for wet and dirty clothing

o Water bottle o Washbag (including soap, shampoo and toothpaste)

o Sun cream (summer groups) o Sleeping bag/duvet and pillow (unless otherwise

advised)

Please do not bring any aerosols as they can set off our fire alarms and can trigger asthmatic children. We recommend that you do not bring items with you such as mobile phones, tablets, jewellery, brand-new white trainers 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.





