

Y5 & 6 Trust Residential Visit – 13th-15th June 2022

Dear parent/carer,

Last year was the first year that Wickersley Partnership Trust hosted all year 6 primary school children for a residential visit at the Trust central premises on Cranworth Road, Rotherham. Following the success of last year's event, the Trust have decided to expand this opportunity to include all year 5 and year 6 students at each of our primary schools. The trip will be led by Trust staff, further details will follow. **Please note, the cost of this visit is fully funded by the trust / school and there is no charge to parents / carers for the residential visit.**

The primary residential visits will be comprised of two consecutive overnight stays, a trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre and adventurous outdoors activities, including spending a day at Ulley Reservoir undertaking sporting activities and water safety training. At Ulley, all activities both on the water and land based will be led by the Trust's trained sports coaches and paddle sport instructors. During their time at Ulley the children will be involved in water safety activities led by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. When at the reservoir, students will be provided with a size appropriate floatation jacket and the activities are suitable for all level of swimmers (including non-swimmers). Children will be sleeping in bell tents in groups and supervised by their class teachers and support staff.

We ask that children bring a packed lunch from home for the first day and then refreshments, breakfast, lunch and evening meals will be provided for the rest of the time your children are with us for the event. If your child receives free school meals a grab bag will be available for them to collect from school on the morning of the first day.

These events are a brilliant opportunity for children to build their confidence, independence and friendships away from the classroom environment and give them chance to learn and try new things. After the upheaval of the pandemic last year, we made the decision to organise the residential event internally and we had some amazing feedback from the children on what a great experience it was and we're hopeful that it will be even more fun and rewarding this time around.

School expects children to behave in an appropriate, sensible manner and to follow the school code of conduct at all times. We reserve the right to refuse access to the visit for children who do not meet the acceptable expectations. Please be aware that students' behaviour will be taken into account before the event to ensure that their behaviour has been in line with our expectations for the trip. Parental permission does not automatically grant a place.

The Trust will take care of all travel arrangements. Children should arrive at school as normal on the first day of their visit and will be taken back to school in time for normal collection on the last day. You will need to make sure that any extra medication needed while your child is away from home is handed in to school and the appropriate forms have been completed.

The dates for your child's visit are Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June.

Each child will need to bring certain items with them, please see the list below for further details.

A rucksack (or suitable bag) containing:

- A packed lunch for the first day
- Reusable water bottle
- Sleeping bag and a pillow
- Appropriate nightwear, underwear is not an appropriate form of nightwear
- Change of clothes (including underwear) appropriate for physical activity
- Trainers/sturdy footwear that you don't mind getting muddy
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Swimming shorts or costume (no bikinis) and a towel, additional layers may be needed depending on the weather
- A carrier bag or similar for wet clothes
- Sunscreen
- Torch
- Children can bring a book or game but please no electronics (no mobile phones or tablets)

We will have a very small amount of spare equipment on site, but please bear in mind this stock is very limited. Any requests can be directed to school.

Children may bring a small amount of snacks for the evening. We ask that all snack items are free from nuts due to the sharing of equipment and sleeping space. Snacks will need to be handed in to a member of staff.

All activities, including the overnight camping, transport and outdoor adventurous activities have been fully risk assessed. The children will be travelling by Wickersley Partnership Trust mini-bus or pre-approved private coach hire.

To request a place for your child, please complete the google form on the link below by 12pm on Tuesday 17th May. Link for Google Form: <https://forms.gle/Xg56zXA6ZiKM1RzK9>

Thank you,



Mr Holmes
Headteacher