



SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Residential Visit to The Dean Field Studies Centre March 2025

Information for Parents

1. Dates

Monday 24th March 2025 to Wednesday 26th March 2025

2. Children's Welfare

The health and safety of the children are of prime importance. The Centre has all the necessary risk assessments. Every activity the children undertake has a risk assessment written for it. The centre leader addresses the children upon arrival & a fire practice is held.

In connection with welfare, I would like to make the following points:

- a. As well as health matters, on the parental consent form, if you have not already done so, please make us aware of information (which will be treated in confidence) on related areas such as sleep-walking, bed-wetting, travel sickness, etc.
- b. All medications (including that for travel sickness) should be given, on the morning of departure, in a clear bag with name on. **Inhalers should be named, date checked and kept with the children.**
- c. Please note that it is only possible to cater for genuine dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian/allergies.
- d. Sweets are not allowed
- e. Children are not allowed to have additional food in their rooms
- f. Children will not be permitted to phone home. Homesickness, if it occurs, is normally made worse by phoning home and can automatically spread to others. Children are not to take mobile phones with them.

Please do let us know anything you think we should know! Thank you.

4. Departure

On Monday 24th March, children should be in school at the normal time with their suitcase left in the staff car park - they **do not** wear school uniform. You are welcome to wait and wave your child off. We will be **aiming** to leave at 9.15am.

5. **Kit List** – please see separate list

**PLEASE NAME
EVERYTHING!!**

No electrical items please such as hair driers!

- **Plastic drinks container** to be refilled each day
- Small **rucksack/ backpack** for carrying lunch, and waterproofs etc.

Please pack all belongings into one large bag.



A list of all the clothes and shoes sent from home should be attached to the inside of the suitcase to help children re-pack on the third day.

Points re: Kit List

- (a) A list of kit should be written out in packing order and fixed to the inside of the suitcase lid.
- (b) All items must be clearly named.
- (c) A backpack / rucksack (2 straps preferably). Into this should be packed items required for the journey down, e.g. empty purse/wallet, camera*, waterproof coat and pencil case.
- (d) Suitcase and rucksack should be labelled.

6. ***Cameras**

Your child may bring a camera (NOT a phone to use as a camera) with them if you think that they can cope with the responsibility. Please ensure, however, that:

- (a) Your child is fully conversant with the camera. Tips on taking the best photographs would be useful to save disappointing results.
- (b) Your child is responsible for the safety and security of the camera.
The school can accept no responsibility for loss or damage.
- (d) Disposable cameras may be a good option (from TESCO, SAINSBURY'S etc.).

7. **Contact**

Please do not telephone The Dean Field Studies Centre or write to your child. The staff will be in contact with the school each day so any important messages may be passed on c/o school on 01242 690016. The office staff will be pleased to answer any

enquiries over the phone. We will text the first contact of each child to let you know that we have arrived. We will do our best to add photos to our Facebook page at the end of each day to show the day's activities.

8. Pocket Money

£5 pocket money was included in the cost of the trip. This will be distributed by the staff when the children use the Centre shop. Once money is distributed it becomes the complete responsibility of the child. Please do not send your child with additional pocket money as this is unfair to the other children.

9. Bedtime

Children will be required to have lights out in their rooms within half an hour of returning to their bedroom after an evening activity. Apart from using the bathroom the children must not leave their room until they are told to do so, unless there is an emergency. Staff bedrooms will be labelled.

10. Return

On their return the children will be back in school to be collected at the end of the day at the normal time. Of course, this is dependent on the traffic.

11. Rules

For their own safety, children must obey all centre or school staff at all times.

12. Insurance

The visit is insured through the Local Authority's insurers. A copy of the cover is available from the office on request. You may obtain additional cover if you so wish.

13. Illness

We want to reassure you that your child's safety during their visit is paramount.

In the unlikely event that a visiting student or staff member is taken ill whilst away, they will be isolated, and parents/guardians contacted.

If you have any problems and/or enquiries between now and the visit please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



**Geraint Mills
Head Teacher**

Kit List

- Wellington Boots (named please)
- Waterproof cagoule / jacket
- Waterproof trousers – there are some to borrow at the Centre if your child does not have any
- Thin and Thick socks (plenty of spares please)
- 3 x tracksuit bottoms/manmade fibre trousers (not jeans)
- 3 x fleece/jumper/sweatshirt
- sports 'skins' / Thermals / vests (for 'layering' in cold weather)
- Underwear
- 2 x outdoor shoes/boots/trainers
- Hat and gloves
- Large plastic bags to take damp clothes home in
- Toiletries
- Large towel
- Night clothes
- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Water bottle (500ml+)
- Any required medication
- Reading book
- backpack /rucksack for carrying coat, water bottle, gloves etc. when walking through the forest