



PHEASEY PARK FARM
Primary School &
Early Years Centre

Year 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

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Laches Wood



Aims

To provide Parents and Carers with the following;

- General information regarding school residential visits
- Specific information about Laches Wood (Year 6)

Why Go On A Residential Visit?

- To develop understanding of teamwork
- To develop interpersonal skills
- To develop problem solving skills
- To offer children new experiences & challenges
- To develop self confidence
- To develop independence
- To build relationships
- To have fun!



Arrival At LACHES WOOD

- 25/02/26: Children should arrive at school at the usual time and go to the KS2 Hall with their luggage. (non-uniform - dressed ready for outdoor activities)
- At the relevant time (approx. 10am) the children will leave the KS2 Hall to board the coach which will be parked on Wimperis Way.
- We aim to get to Laches Wood by 10:30am
- A text confirming arrival at Laches Wood will be sent within an hour of arrival time.
- On arrival, children will receive a site tour, a safety talk and a fire drill.
- They will also be required to make their own bed. Please practise putting on pillowcases and quilt covers at home as they can find this challenging!
- Children will need a packed lunch for Wednesday 25th. All other meals will be provided.

Receiving News

- Children will not be able to ring home during the visit.
- Parents/Carers are asked not to contact the venue.
- A text will be sent to confirm arrival at the venue and also each morning and evening during the visit.
- Please ensure we have your up-to-date mobile number on our contact list.
- Staff will also endeavour to take photos and post updates on Dojo during the visit - signal permitting! Please ensure photo permissions are up-to-date too.

Behaviour

- Children will be expected to behave appropriately at all times and to listen to the staff and instructors.
- The sanctions for misbehaviour will be loss of free time.
- At bedtime, all children will be expected to settle down when requested.
- In the morning, early risers must stay in bed and not disturb others until staff wake everyone up (approx 7:00am).
- Centre staff also assign chores to the children. They will work in groups to complete these chores at designated times throughout the day/evening. All children will be expected to do their bit.

Staffing

- Children will be accompanied on the residential visit by the following staff:

Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Baynham, Mr Rosser, Mrs Binnion, Mr Orbell, Mrs Francis, Miss Hollick and Mrs Mayou.

Medical Authorisation

For children who may require medication during the residential visit, parents/carers must:

- Complete a medical authorisation form for each type of medication required.
- The form and the medication should be put into a clear plastic bag and given to a member of staff in the KS2 Hall on the day of departure.

Medical Authorisation

For children who require travel sickness medication:

- Parents/Carers should administer the medication to their child before school on the day of departure.
- A medical authorisation form for the return journey must be completed.
- The form and 1 dose of travel sickness medication should be put into a clear plastic bag and given to a member of staff in the KS2 Hall on the day of departure.

Well Being/Emergency Information

Please complete these forms and return to school
by Friday 16th January
if you have not returned them already.

- The forms need to be completed in advance to enable adequate time for staff to collate the information and liaise with parents where necessary.
- If any information regarding your child changes between the above date and the date of departure, please contact the school office and the forms will be updated.

Clothing/Kit List

A specific kit list will be provided for each residential visit. Here are some general rules:

- PLEASE ENSURE ALL KIT IS LABELLED - this is really important when there are 6 - 8 children sharing a room!
- No jeans/skirts/shorts - kit must adhere to requirements and must be suitable for outdoor activities which require harnesses.
- Do not take expensive or "best" clothes. Things will get messy and lost!
- No iPads (or any other tablets), iPods, mobile phones, jewellery (including watches/earrings), smart watches, valuable items.
- No hairdryers/straighteners.
- No spray deodorants
- Children need to bring their own bedding (pillowcase, fitted sheet and quilt cover)
- Children will also need a torch for nighttime activities and for caving (not expensive - and labelled!)
- A small pencil case, notebook/journal, reading book is also a good idea to pack and can be used during the evening 'quieter time'. No trading cards e.g. Pokemon/football.



Footwear

Laches Wood have quite specific requirements regarding footwear. Children will need at least 2 pair of shoes:

- A specific pair of indoor shoes are required. These are to be worn in the dining room and dormitories - these must not be worn outside apart from moving between the dorms and dining room (so should not be slippers).
- Children will then need a pair of outdoor shoes which are likely to get muddy/wet. These must not be worn in the dorms, dining room or other indoor spaces and are left in outdoor boxes so must be named.
- Please be mindful that although wellies and walking boots are great for certain activities, they are not practical for rock climbing, caving or high ropes. Trainers may be more suitable for these kind of activities. You may therefore want to send an additional/third pair of shoes.
- Only sensible shoes e.g. no open toed/wedged/sling back shoes. Crocs can not be worn to complete any activity.
- Children can bring slippers for in the dorms but these are not at all essential.

Additional Information

A preliminary visit of Laches Wood has been carried out by members of staff and discussions have taken place between school staff and venue staff regarding the residential visit. Risk assessments have been thoroughly scrutinised and all appropriate paperwork will have been completed prior to the visits.



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- Laches Wood is a purpose built activity centre in a wooded area in Wolverhampton.





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Accommodation

- Children will be sleeping in 2 dorms that will be for the sole use of our school.
- One lodge contains a number of en-suite bedrooms with between 4-8 beds in them.
- One lodge contains a number of bedrooms with a shared bathroom
- Staff bedrooms are situated in the middle of each dorm.



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Security

- Laches Wood is set in secure grounds with access via a reception area which is manned 24 hours a day.
- Children are not allowed onto the car park areas.
- Free time is supervised by both on site and school staff.
- There are members of staff from Laches Wood on site at all times.

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Food

- The Centre provides a choice of meals at each mealtime and these are chosen/ordered by the children on arrival.
- The Centre is happy to accommodate the needs of every child so please let us know if your child has any special dietary requirements.
- Every child should bring a water bottle. These will be able to be refilled as required.

Typical Menu

Breakfast

Bacon/sausage/beans,
cereal, toast, fruit

Cold Lunch

Sandwich, crisps, fruit

Cooked Evening Meal

Pizza/fish fingers and chips
Roast dinner
Dessert

*** Children should not take any food with them apart from the packed lunch required on day 1. Any other food items will be removed during bag checks.**

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Daytime Activities

- There will be up to 10 children in a group plus at least 1 member of school staff.
- All activities will be led by trained instructors who are also first aid trained and have DBS certificates.
- Over the 2 days the children will take part in the following activities - Rock Room Climbing, Seek and Solve, BMX, Caving and High Ropes.

LACHES WOOD Evening Activities

- An evening activity will take place after the evening meal. This will be run by the instructors and school staff and will involve the children getting into teams and competing in physical activities.
- After the evening activity the children will go back to the base room and take part in some "quiet activities" eg quiz/colouring/board games - run by school staff, along with hot chocolate and biscuits, before going to bed.

Departure From LACHES WOOD

- The coach will leave Laches Wood on **Friday 27th February** at approximately 1:30pm.
- A text will be sent to confirm the anticipated arrival time back at school, this could be at approximately 2:15pm.
- Children should be collected from the KS2 Hall at the designated time and will not be dismissed from the coach.

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Spending money

- There is a small shop selling Laches Wood souvenirs such as pens and mugs. Children may bring up to £5 to spend (in coins, not a £5 note). This should be in a named purse or envelope.
- All money will be collected by school staff in the KS2 hall during bag checks on their arrival to school and kept securely until it is needed