# Little Bowden School Residential Visit PGL Liddington



2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Your adventure starts here....

# Year 6 Residential Visit - PGL Liddington Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

We are delighted to be able to give your children the opportunity to spend some time together on an exciting residential visit combining adventure and learning outside the classroom.

We are staying in Liddington PGL which is just outside Swindon. We have stayed at the centre in the past and it has excellent facilities and beautiful surroundings with access to all the activities on site. The aim of this residential is to allow the children to challenge themselves in different circumstances and be able to be more independent, develop teamwork skills and build resilience. The activities planned will give the children experiences we are unable to offer in a school setting. The trained and qualified staff at the centre will deliver these activities with our own staff supporting the children to achieve their maximum potential.

We are sure that this will prove to be an exciting, educational and memorable residential for our children as they venture into a challenging experience that will enhance their learning, build their confidence and nurture their independence.

Yours sincerely

Mr Brannigan

Headteacher

# A typical day at PGL

# As you can see - they are going to be busy!

7.30	Rise and shine
08.00	Breakfast
09.00 - 09:15	Get prepared for activity session 1
9:15 - 10.45	Outdoor pursuit session 1
10:45 - 10:55	Break and get ready for outdoor pursuit session 2
10:55 - 12:25	Outdoor pursuit session 2
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch time and free time supervised by staff
14.00 - 14.20	Get prepared for activity sessions 3
14.20- 15:50	Outdoor pursuit session 3
15:50 - 16:00	Break and get prepared for activity session 4
16:00 - 17:30	Outdoor pursuit session 4
17:30 -19.30	Evening meal and free time supervised by staff
19.30-20:30	Evening Entertainment session
21:00 - 21:30	Bedtime

# Useful information and things to remember

#### Dates and times

**Departure:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024; children should arrive at school at the usual time of 8:45. The coach will depart at 10:00.

**Return to school:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024; we expect to return to school at approx. 16:00. You will need to collect your child from the front playground. See below for more details.

### Where are we going

PGL Liddington
Fox Hill
Swindon
SN4 ODZ
Liddington - PGL Adventure Holidays

### Journey

The coach journey will take approx. 2.5 hours, so we hope to arrive at PGL Liddington at around 12:30.

In addition to their main luggage, the children should bring a small rucksack, to keep with them on the coach. This needs to contain:

- ✓ A packed lunch no fizzy drinks, glass bottles, or nuts please
- ✓ A full water bottle
- ✓ A small snack (e.g. fruit, cereal bar)
- ✓ A waterproof coat
- ✓ A hat
- ✓ Some gloves.

#### Clothing and what to pack

For the journey, children should wear sensible clothing and footwear (e.g. jogging bottoms/leggings, T shirt, trainers) so that they are ready to start activities as soon as they arrive at PGL (we will not be getting changed on arrival).

In their luggage, the children will need to pack T-shirts (including some long-sleeved tops), jumpers/fleeces, trousers/leggings (not jeans), underwear, socks and nightwear. Please don't pack brand-new or precious clothes, as they may get wet and muddy. The weather may be changeable so layers are a good idea. Children may want some additional clothing/shoes to change into in the evening.

A waterproof coat is also essential.

The children may need gloves for some of the activities.

If your child has a wetsuit, please pack this (but don't buy one especially, as the 'wet activities' can be done in jogging bottoms/leggings and T-shirts).

There is a more detailed kit list, provided by the PGL Centre, further on in this booklet. This includes sun cream, a sun hat, gloves, towels, wash kit and a bag for dirty washing.

#### Medicines and medical conditions

You will have already completed a medical form for your child. If anything has changed since you completed this, please make sure that school is aware by emailing office@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk.

<u>Please also make sure that Arbor is fully up to date</u> with any medical conditions, allergies, or concerns. Keeping this section of Arbor up to date is essential!

Any medicines, creams or travel sickness tablets that your child will need must be handed to Mrs Wilkinson on departure day. These must be in their original packaging, and must be labelled with your child's name. You must also include details of the dosage and how/when it should be administered.

#### Inhalers

Children who suffer from asthma, or who have been prescribed an inhaler for other reasons, must carry their own inhaler at all times. They will not be allowed to participate in any activities without it.

It would also be a good idea to give a spare inhaler to **Mrs Wilkinson** for the medical box.

All inhalers must be labelled with your child's name.

As above, if your child has been prescribed an inhaler, <u>please make sure that</u> this is noted on Arbor.

#### Dietary issues

The medical form that you completed asked you to inform us of any dietary needs and/or allergies or intolerances. Please let school know if anything has changed since you completed the form (email office@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk).

<u>Please also make sure that any dietary issues are recorded on Arbor</u>. It is very important to make sure that this is always kept up-to-date.

# Bedding

Your child will need to bring:

- ✓ A sleeping bag (or a duvet and cover)
- ✓ A pillow.

# In case of emergency

The adults on the trip will have access to phone numbers for all parents and carers, so if we need to call you, we will.

If you have an emergency at home, and need to contact us, please call the school on 01858 462528 or email <u>office@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk</u>. The school office will be able to get a message to the school staff at the PGL Centre.

#### Extra things to bring

**Pocket money:** Pocket money is optional. The children will be able to visit the PGL gift shop, and there is a list of items and prices, further on in this booklet. If your child would like to bring some spending money, we suggest no more than £8-£10. Money should be brought into school and handed to their class teacher the week before the trip (by Friday  $30^{th}$  August). A log of the money received will be kept and the money will be stored in a locked box.

Cameras: Children are allowed to bring a camera if they would like to, however we cannot allow phones as cameras. We suggest a single-use camera or a digital one that you give them permission to have. The children need to be responsible for looking after their own belongings, so please do not send a valuable camera. We will take photos when we are away, and they will be able to see these when we return. We will try to upload photos onto our website when we are away (Wi-Fi permitting - sometimes the area has poor reception).

Please also see the kit list, provided by the PGL Centre, for more information.

#### What not to bring

Jewellery/watches: For the children's safety during activities, and again because we cannot guarantee things will not get lost or broken, please do not allow your child to wear jewellery, earnings or watches.

Mobile phones/electronic devices: Children <u>must not</u> bring any of these items. Other items: We suggest that your child brings a book/comics, and a teddy. They may want to bring a card game (or similar activities) for their free time.

# Adults on the trip

There will be a number of staff from school accompanying the children - we will confirm who will be going nearer the time, but there will certainly be adults on the trip with whom your child is already familiar.

# Bedrooms and groups

Your child will have the opportunity to let their teachers know about which friends they would - ideally - like to share a room with. We always try to match friends up and make sure that everyone is happy. We will sort this all out near the time, and we will also need the put the children into activity groups (with a school staff member allocated to each group).

# Departure Day

# Monday 2nd September

On the Monday morning, the children should arrive at school at 8:45 as usual They should place their luggage by the railings just inside the front playground. They should then go and line up in the playground with their small rucksack for on the coach. Teachers will take the children into school to register them etc. It will be busy at this time as Years 5, 4 and 3 will also be arriving at school at the same time.

The coach is due to arrive at 9:40 so we will get the luggage on as quickly as possible so that we can leave by 10.00.

If it is raining on this day, the children's luggage should be taken into the school hall, rather than placed near the railings.

#### Schedule for departure day:

Time	Schedule
8:50	Arrive at school to be registered, hand in medicines etc
9.00 - 10.00	Classroom pre-trip task and load coach
10.00	Depart school by coach
12.30 - 13.00	Arrive at Liddington PGL
13:00 - 14:00	Eat packed lunch
14.00- 16:00	Orientation and timetable for the week
16:00 - 17:30	Get into rooms and unpack
17:30 -19.30	Evening meal and free time supervised by staff
19.30-20:30	Evening Entertainment session
20:30 - 21:30	Bedtime

# Return to School

# Friday 6th September

The coach will arrive back at school at approx. 4:00pm on the Friday. We will get all of the children off the coach and into the front playground.

Once the children are all off the coach, we will then be able to start unloading the luggage and ensure the coach is empty of our equipment. Only then will we start dismissing children. This allows us to follow our school procedures and ensure everyone's wellbeing and safety.

If we are delayed on our return journey, parents / carers will be notified by email, so please keep an eye on your email inbox.

# Suggested kit list from the PGL Centre

(we also suggest packing a wetsuit if your child already has one)



# WHAT TO BRING



#### CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and/or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities.



☐ T-shirts

Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities. T

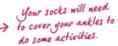
☐ Tops & jackets

- ☐ Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
   ☐ Waterproof jacket
  - ☐ Fleeces/jumpers
- ☐ Trousers or leggings

but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet



☐ Underwear & socks



☐ 1 or 2 sets of clothes for the evening



Suitable nightwear

#### TRAVELLING IN THE...



#### Lost property

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact PGL. Postage will be charged for returning lost items.

#### Study courses and sports weekends

Groups taking part in study courses and sports weekends e.g. netball/ football, should bring appropriate clothing/footwear for these activities.

#### **FOOTWEAR**



#### OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ 2 towels → 1 for showering 1 old one for activities
- Reusable drinks bottle





 Sleeping bag or duvet and pillow (unless otherwise advised)

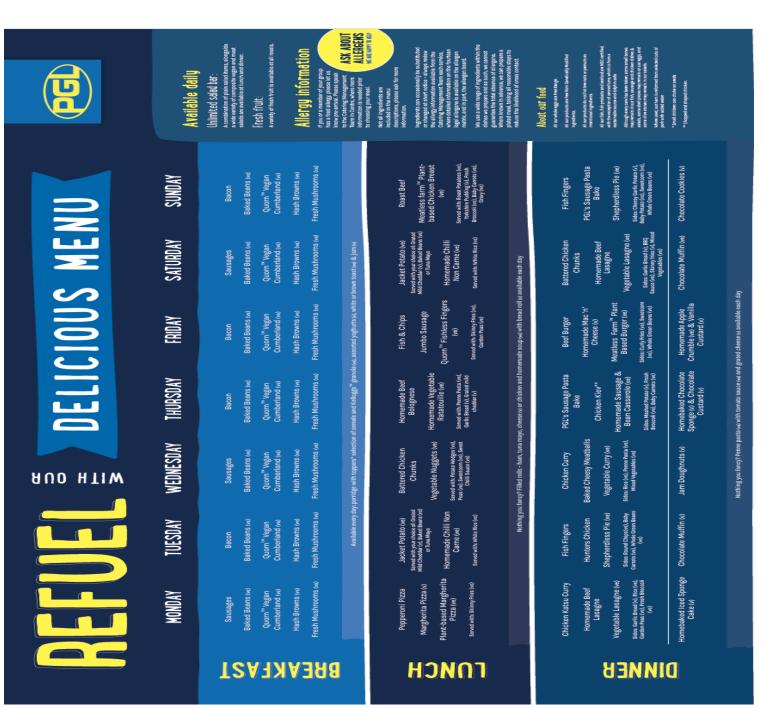
 Washbag including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste (please do not bring Aerosols)

#### PLEASE DO NOT BRING



# Mealtimes

The PGL Centre provides a good range of meal choices - your child will be offered plenty to eat! We have provided an example of the menu below.



# PGL Gift Shop

The price list below will give you an idea of the choices of souvenirs that your child may want to buy.

If your child does want to bring some pocket money, we suggest no more than around £8-£10.



# Questions or Concerns

Over the coming weeks will be talking to the children about the trip, including what to take, the types of activities they might be doing, and the accommodation, so that they have a good idea of what to expect.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you would like to talk to us about, please contact the school office: <a href="mailto:office@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk">office@littlebowden.leics.sch.uk</a>.