

Viney Hill 2018

Year 6 Residential

Our Y6 residential is very nearly upon us! Below confirms details of the trip...

Coach

The coach will pick us up at the France Lynch Pleasure Ground at 9:00a.m on Monday 8th October (Brantwood Road side). Please ensure your child is there between 8:50a.m and 9:00a.m. Be careful about where you park on Brantwood Road, as the coach will need to park in a safe place in order to load the children and bags on. The children will not need to be in school uniform, and will have chosen partners to sit next to in school the week before.

If your child suffers with travel sickness, please ensure you have let the staff on the trip know. Please pass any medication which they will need to take for the journey back to Mrs Attwood in a clearly labelled plastic sandwich bag.

On the return journey on Wednesday 10th October, the coach will leave Viney Hill at 4:45p.m. and will return to the pleasure ground by approx. 6:00 p.m. Please pick your child up from there.

Children are allowed to bring card games, comics, magazines, books for the journey. Children are not allowed to bring electronic devices or sweets for the coach journey.

Arrival at Viney Hill

We will arrive at Viney Hill at approx. 10:30a.m and will be greeted by centre staff. The children will be given time to locate their rooms, and will also have some time to familiarise themselves with the site. There will also be a safety talk by the staff, as well as a discussion on rules by the school staff.

Rules

The school rules apply at all times. In addition to this, children will be given other rules by centre staff and school staff. Rule breaking will be taken very seriously and children will need to face the consequences. On the positive side, children will be awarded points for positive behaviour as well 😊.

Rooms

Children have been allocated rooms, with at least one friend that they requested. The rooms are split across 2 floors and there will be staff members on each of the floors. Please reiterate to your children that they must not go into others' rooms – even if they are invited to.

Activities

There are 3 different groups for activities; again the children have been allocated groups. Each group will get to partake in the following activities:

- Climbing wall;
- Crate stacking
- Canoeing;
- Archery;
- Low ropes;
- Forest Adventure Day (orienteeing, biking and raft building).

Alongside the centre's own instructors, adults from Chalford Hill accompanying us on the trip have been assigned activities to support.

Showers

Children will be expected to shower after a day of activities. There are showers on each floor – 6 in total.

Catering

We are fully catered at Viney Hill, and the catering staff have been informed of any allergies. The children will have a breakfast of toast/cereal as well as a hot food option. Lunches are more of a buffet affair, and dinners are a hot cooked meal. We are hoping to have hot chocolate before bed time. Children will be encouraged to try something of everything, and not to waste food. The catering staff are lovely and will ensure your children do not go hungry!

Children will need to bring a packed lunch on Monday 8th October.

Evening Activities

Evening activities will be run by Chalford Hill staff and helpers. There will be a variety of options which may include: games, sports, creative activities, movie nights. On the last night, weather permitting, we will have a bonfire and celebration evening where hopefully we will also toast marshmallows.

Electronics

Children are NOT to bring any electronic devices – eg iPods, tablets, mobile phones or kindles. We have strict rules on this, because it is vital that the children fully interact with each other and the experience, and we would like them to choose to do this. Viney Hill's advice has also been not to bring games or electronic devices.

Disposable cameras are allowed but need to be labelled with the child's name, and are the responsibility of the child.

Mobile phones are NOT allowed. If your child needs to speak with you, we will arrange for that to happen but only in very specific situations. Mrs Attwood or Mrs Martin will ring the school at the end of the day, and relay any information left to the individual children, in a sensitive manner. Please contact school if there are any emergencies at home.

Snacks

Apart from the packed lunch on Monday 8th October which children will all need to bring, no snacks are allowed. That means no sweets, chocolate, crisps etc. Children will be fully fed, and any special treats will be given by school staff. Any snacks which are discovered will be confiscated by staff and given back on arrival in Chalford on 10th October. There are no exceptions.

Responsibilities

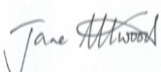
Children will be given a few responsibilities on the residential- groups will be assigned to lay the tables for each meal. There will be a collective responsibility for ensuring tidiness of communal areas. A rota will inform children of the times they need to carry these out. Room inspections will happen each morning before breakfast. There will be a point scoring system where children will be rewarded for tidiness.

Sleeping

We hope to get sleep. The teacher has been made aware of any children who find it hard to sleep and will support them as much as possible. Children need to be made aware that once lights are out, whispering is the maximum noise allowed! After lights out, any children who continue to talk and keep others awake will be reprimanded. (and a tired Mrs Attwood is a grumpy Mrs Attwood!)

Thank you so much for all your support with the residential, we hope that the weather holds out (!) and are sure that all involved will have a fantastic time.

Kind regards,



Kit List – Please pack with the children so they know which kit is theirs and name EVERYTHING!

Essential Kit

- Packed lunch for day 1
- Water bottle
- Warm hat and gloves
- Waterproofs
- Walking boots or trainers with a good tread
- Sun block and cream and cap/sun hat/long sleeved shirt
- Washing kit
- Towels x 2
- Medication i.e. inhalers, anti-histamines
- At least 3 complete changes of clothes (old clothes) – including underwear!
- Pyjamas
- Torch
- Rucksack
- Cuddly toy (small enough to fit in rucksack!)
- Optional – a onesie to wear during the evening story

DO NOT BRING

- Any electronic devices
- Mobile phones
- Best clothes
- Valuables, including jewellery

If you like it – leave it at home!

Essential Activity Clothing

Climbing, Team Building/Low Ropes/general activities:

- T-shirt, jumper/sweatshirt
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Walking boots **or** trainers with a good tread

Canoeing (in addition to general)

- Swimming costume
- Shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- Trainers/ converse type you don't mind getting wet!!
- A complete change of clothes, including underwear

Forest Adventure Day

- Waterproofs
- Walking boots and socks/waterproof trainers with a good tread
- Rucksack

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

If you are asthmatic or have any other condition that needs medication, take this to each and every activity and let the instructor know before the activity commences.

DO NOT wear jewellery, jeans, expensive clothing or inappropriate footwear on any activity session.