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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Robinwood FAQs for Residential Visit 15-17 January 2025**

This week we have spoken to the children that are attending the Robinwood residential between Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of January. Below we have included FAQs that we feel may help parents/carers with preparing for the trip.

#### **1) Can I bring my phone/tablet etc?**

No electronic devices are allowed on the trip, including smart watches. Earrings should also be removed prior to children coming into school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **2) Do I need my own waterproofs?**

All specialist equipment will be provided by the centre, including waterproof tops, bottoms and wellies.

#### **3) How will we know when the children are back at school?**

Staff on the trip will be in touch with school during the return coach journey to provide an accurate time of arrival. School will keep texting out information about our return time. Children can then be collected from the Church Hall car park.

#### **4) Can my child bring their own food?**

No. Robinwood will provide 3 meals per day including additional snack breaks and bed time hot chocolate. There is no need to pack additional food and we would ask parents abide by this to prevent issues with allergies etc.

#### **5) Is there a gift shop/tuck shop and how much money should we send?**

Children are able to purchase gifts and mementos from the gift shop. In previous years, we have suggested a cap of £10.

#### **6) Will there be dangerous activities?**

All the activities are delivered and supervised by qualified Robinwood staff with the relevant safety precautions in place. Children will not be able to complete an activity unless they are fully supervised for the duration.

#### **7) How will my child stay clean?**

Children will have access to showers in the dorm rooms as well as showers during/after the wet activities such as raft building or canoeing. Children must bring a "roll on" deodorant as the smoke alarms are very sensitive and can be triggered by aerosols.

#### **8) What time is bed time?**

Lights out time is approximately 9pm, following the end of day discussion and hot chocolate.

#### **9) What clothing should my child pack?**

As we are visiting at the beginning of the Spring term, we would advise children to bring warm clothing. The majority of activities are outside and would only be cancelled due to severe weather conditions. A kit list will be sent to parents, which will provide additional detail of what items to pack.

**10) What happens if my child does not want to take part in an activity?**

All children will be strongly encouraged to take part in each and every activity by school staff, as well as their group leader. However, we can accommodate children taking a step back from particular activities if they feel they are unable to participate.

**11) What happens regarding food allergies?**

Please make school aware of any allergies your child may have, we can then pass these on to the Robinwood staff so they are fully aware for the duration of the trip.

**12) My child takes regular medication, how is this accommodated during the trip?**

Please speak to the office regarding individual medication. Following this, a suitable plan can be put in place for the duration of the trip.

**13) How long is the coach drive to Robinwood?**

The coach trip takes between 1hr30m – 2hrs. for the final section of the journey, children will meet the Robinwood staff who will take bags and equipment in the smaller vehicle, children will then walk the final 2km to the centre with school staff and the Robinwood group leaders.

Should you have any additional questions prior to the visit, please contact either Mr Seaton or Miss Hartley. Alternatively, it is worth familiarising yourself with the Robinwood website so you can find out about the activities on offer and understand what the children will experience over the 3-day trip.

[https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity\\_centers/barhaugh-hall/](https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity_centers/barhaugh-hall/)

Yours sincerely,

*O Seaton and G Hartley*

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