



14th March 2023

Derbyshire Parents' Meeting

Dear Parents/Carers,

Apologies for having to postpone the Derbyshire Parents' meeting on Monday 13th March 2023. Mr Goodliffe and myself will be delivering this meeting with all parents on **Wednesday 26th April 2023**, at **9:00am** in the main hall.

However, in preparation for this meeting and school trip, please see below the itinerary for residential trip.

Itinerary

Monday 12th June 2023

- **Departure** - We will be departing for Ilam Hall from school by bus at around 7.00 am. We will confirm the precise time in our next letter. We will have a brief rest stop on the way at Belton House in Lincolnshire and aim to arrive at the Youth Hostel for lunch.
- **Afternoon** - In the afternoon, we will spend some time at Ilam Hall settling in and exploring the grounds.
- **Evening** - After tea, we will take advantage of the long summer evening to walk to the stepping stones in Dovedale and then hike up to the top of Thorp Cloud, which has amazing views across the whole of the northwest Midlands and on a good day even as far as Wales. When we get back it will be time for bed.

Tuesday 13th June 2023 - Dovedale Walk

- We will be getting a bus to the Tissington Trail about five miles from Ilam Hall and then walk back to the Youth Hostel aiming to be home for tea. During the morning we will follow footpaths and the River Dove down through to Milldale. On the way, we will explore the features of the early course of a river and create our own dry stone walls. The children will also get a chance to map read as we go.
- After lunch and an ice cream at Milldale, we will walk into Dovedale Gorge, an amazing three-mile walk along the river with opportunities to discover rock formations and caves. We will see fish in the river, dippers, grey wagtail and hopefully kingfishers, too. We will end up back at the stepping stones for a paddle, before heading back to Ilam Hall for tea.
- **Evening** - The evening will include some down time for the children in the youth hostel grounds. We will also pack for the return journey, including sorting out bags for the visit to Carsington Water.

Wednesday 14th June 2023

- **Departure** - We will depart from Ilam Hall straight after breakfast and head for Carsington Water for water sports. Here the children will have the opportunity to choose between three activities - raft building, paddle sports and cycling. We will have lunch before departing for home.

- **Return** - We will stop on the Fens for a drink and comfort break before heading back to school for an estimated time of arrival of 5.30pm.

Meals and dormitories

- Except for lunch on Monday, the Youth Hostel will provide all our meals, including packed lunches. There is always a choice of meals for all dietary requirements and they are always excellent and extremely filling. Nearer the time, we will receive the menu and the children will be able to pre-order their meals so that they know what they are having.
- Ilam Hall is a Youth Hostel designed for school parties. The rooms are well fitted with ensuite bathrooms. The children will all be together on the same secure corridor and staff will be with them at all times. Before we go, we will ask you to complete a visits form; this will give you an opportunity to tell us about your child, so we know about any specific needs they have at night time. We will make sure the children are in rooms with friends.

Kit list

- The children will wear their normal everyday clothes with their school jumper.
- They will need walking boots or sturdy trainers suitable for wet weather. They will need another pair of shoes for general outside wear and for the event that the shoes that they are walking in get wet on the Tuesday. If you do not have walking boots, please do not feel you have to buy some, as trainers will be sufficient for the walks we are doing as long as they are relatively waterproof. We have quite a few pairs of walking boots at school - please ask if you would like to borrow a pair.
- They will need some spending money in a named purse or wallet. The children may bring up to £10, which we suggest is made up of pound coins and a £5 note. The children will look after their own money throughout the visit.
- The children will need two bags - a rucksack for the things they need during the day and, for the journey, a larger bag or suitcase for their clothes and other items.

In their ruck sack, they will need:

- A fully waterproof coat. We have some good waterproof coats at school, if required, so please use these if you do not have the right coat. There is nothing more miserable than being in a coat that leaks!
- A pair of waterproof trousers - again, we have lots of pairs at school, so please do not buy some specially.
- A pair of beach shoes or crocs for paddling at the stepping stones.
- A leak-proof water bottle. Metal ones are usually the best.
- A sun hat and sun cream.
- Small bottle of hand gel.
- A spare jumper (this does not need to be a school jumper).
- Something small to do on the bus, such as book, drawing pad, travel game. Please do not send anything electronic.
- They will also need breakfast and lunch for the first day, but please pack this in something disposable, not a lunchbox.

In their larger bag or suitcase, which will travel under the bus and be inaccessible on the journey:

- A change of clothes for Tuesday and Wednesday plus an extra change just in case. No strappy tops and vest tops, as we do not want the children to get sunburnt.
- Night wear - dressing gowns will not be needed.
- Sensible slippers or indoor shoes for wearing in the Youth Hostel. Please avoid large or novelty slippers as there are short flights of steps in the building.
- A towel and wash bag with washing and dental toiletries.
- A towel and swimming kit (if they are doing water sports) in a plastic bag.
- A plastic sack or bag for dirty laundry.
- A small cuddly toy, if required. It is also a good idea to bring a pillow case from home, as the familiar smell sometimes helps children get to sleep.

The children may not bring:

- Mobile phones
- Electronic games or other electric items including hair driers
- Chocolates, sweets and fizzy/energy drinks
- Spray on deodorants or other aerosols

Kind regards,



Mr Elcock