

INFORMATION SHEET: Y4 CASTLETON RESIDENTIAL VISIT

23rd March – 25th March 2020



The objectives of the visit are:-

- To support, enhance and consolidate the children's learning in History (Invaders and Settlers).
- To give the children the experience of staying away from home with their peers in a safe and secure environment.

For many this will be their first such experience and we believe that children gain enormously in terms of their personal and social development.

Castleton Y.H.A.

The centre meets or exceeds all current DFES/LEA safety legislation/guidelines and all activities are fully risk assessed. The children are accommodated in delightful, single-sex rooms in groups of 2 to 8 with access to excellent washing and toilet facilities. All meals are provided and a wide menu choice is offered which also caters for vegetarian, ethnic and individual dietary requirements. Specialist staffs are able to lead most of the activities.

The Activities

These may alter slightly according to availability but last year included:

- Gem panning
- A history walk around the local area
- Roman soldier training
- The building of a Roman siege engine
- Archery
- Candle making
- Viking Rune game
- Hands on History
- Fossil casting
- Den building

Staffing

We will have a teacher/teaching assistant-pupil ratio of 1:10 during the day and at night (in line with Local Authority Guidelines) there will also be staff from the YHA who are in addition to this.

The Cost

The total cost of the residential is approximately £135

This includes accommodation, food, all activities, equipment, instructors, staffing, coach transport and insurance. No child will be excluded on the basis of inability to pay: if there are issues around this please come and speak to Mr Watson or Mr. Beauchamp. Your situation will be dealt with in the utmost confidence. It will be possible to pay in instalments.

Insurance

The school has taken out insurance through the City Council's Insurance Fund. Part of this covers Off Site Activities for staff, children and volunteers:-

- Personal Accident
- Medical
- Travel and Cancellation expenses
- Personal property and money cover

Child welfare

We will ask you to complete a form giving details of any medical, dietary or other special needs which may affect your child. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please do not hesitate to let us know of anything, no matter how apparently trivial, which we can do to enhance your child's residential experience. Arrangements will also be made for contact in case of emergency.

We do hope as many children as possible will take part. It is a great three days!