



26th September, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL Windmill Hill - 24.06.19 - 28.06.19

Following yet another successful residential visit to Windmill Hill with Year 6 in June of this year, we are pleased to provide details regarding next year's trip.

PGL was established in 1957 and leads the market with 26 outdoor education centres across the UK, France and Spain. The Windmill Hill Centre, situated some 13 miles from Eastbourne, opened in 2009 following a major investment programme. The main building is a Grade II listed mansion house set in 21 acres on the Sussex Downs and is able to offer a wide choice of land based activities alongside an impressive indoor sports hall.

Please see the website for further information: <http://www.pgl.co.uk/pglweb>

Purpose of the Trip

The PGL experience is all about building confidence and raising aspirations through participation in new activities. Rising to new challenges and living alongside their peers, pupils learn to become more adaptable, independent, responsible and confident - all qualities that will help ease their transition to secondary school.

Furthermore, the trip allows staff and children to build stronger relationships, secure happy memories and have some fun!

Itinerary

We will travel to Windmill Hill on Monday 24th June, 2019, stopping en route for lunch and a visit to Battle Abbey, as we are not expected at the Centre until 3:30pm. We will, of course, provide details of exact arrangements nearer the time.

On arrival, the PGL staff provide the children with a tour of the site to familiarise them with the layout, as well as a health and safety talk which includes evacuation procedures. The school is allocated a PGL leader to work with the children for the duration of the visit.

Time is then allowed to settle into accommodation before dinner and their first evening activity.

From Tuesday morning until Friday lunchtime, the children are engaged in a range of activities, mainly outdoor, which are designed to challenge, encourage team work, acquire new skills, build confidence and be fun!

Typical activities might include:

Abseiling, Aeroball, Archery, Challenge Course, Climbing, Fencing, High Ropes, Jacob's Ladder, Orienteering, Problem Solving, Rifle Shooting, Zip Wire, Trapeze, Sensory Trail, Tunnel Trail, Giant Swing.

The children work in groups, accompanied by a member of the PGL staff and a school staff member, participating in two activities in the morning and a further two in the afternoon session, followed by a daily evening activity - quiz, games, disco etc.

After lunch on Friday, June 28th, we will make a direct return journey to school, arriving back at approximately 3:15.

Food & Accommodation

Children are accommodated in purpose built lodges with en suite facilities, sleeping 4-6 people. Rooms are situated close together and school staff are located nearby to oversee the group.

A vegetarian option is available at every meal and most special diets can be catered for.

More information is available on the Parent Guide section of the website:

<http://www.pgl.co.uk/PglWeb/schools/Parent-FAQs>

Health & Safety

- The school undertakes rigorous risk assessment procedures and the Party Leader ensures that a preliminary visit to the Centre has taken place.
- Medical information is collated from parents along with contact information, should it be required.
- All adults at the PGL Centre and all school staff are DBS checked.
- The PGL Centre provides first aid facilities on site, has information on local GP services and the nearest hospital is located in Eastbourne.
- PGL provide insurance cover, but we are also protected by Surrey County Council's insurance scheme.

Cost

Depending on the number of children participating, the cost of the trip will be approximately £470.00. This includes accommodation, PGL instruction, full board, insurance and coach travel. An initial deposit of £70.00 is payable by Thursday, October 18th, with the balance due in five instalments as follows:

Date:	Amount:
30 th November	£80.00
11 th January	£80.00
15 th February	£80.00
29 th March	£80.00
30 th April	£80.00

Parents are provided with a payment card to keep track of monies paid in.

What happens next?

Should you wish your child to participate in the residential visit, please kindly fill in the attached slip together with the non-refundable deposit of £70.00 by Thursday, October 18th.

If you have any concerns regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Douglass, as we are sometimes able to offer financial help if needed.

If you require further information, we will do our best to answer your questions.

We very much hope that you will feel able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity for your child.

Geraldine Cummins
Teresa Judd

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Child's name:

Class:

I would like to reserve a place on the school visit to PGL Windmill Hill

Payment made online via Scopay/Tucasi (preferred)

I enclose a deposit of £70.00 (*cheques payable to North Downs Primary School*)

I do not wish my child to participate in the school visit

(Please tick appropriate boxes)

Signed: (Parent / Guardian)

Date: