

HOOKSTONE CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Year 6 Residential Visit to Marrick Priory

Monday 16th April – Friday 20th April 2018

Information Sheet for Children and Parents



Marrick Priory is a licensed outdoor education and activity centre, situated near Reeth in Swaledale, North Yorkshire. The week's residential visit provides a wealth of experiences for the children and I know that they are looking forward to it.

Outside: The Priory is set in beautiful grounds; some of the activities such as archery and the ropes course take place here.

The Priory Interior: The main building downstairs consists of Common Room, Refectory, Games Room and Chapel. These areas are available for our use for drama, music, art & craft, games and other teaching activities. There is a tuck shop, table-tennis table, small snooker table and many indoor and outdoor games for us to use. A number of teaching resources are also available.

The children will sleep in dormitories and each dormitory area has a washroom, showers and drying room. Sometimes there is an opportunity to camp within the priory grounds.

School Staff: Mr Parker, Mrs Hazell and 1 other member of staff.

The children will **leave school at 11.30am on Monday 16th April. As Monday 16th April is a staff training day, the children should arrive in school at 11:00am.** The children should use the main entrance and leave their luggage in the main hall.

They will need a packed lunch on that day and should be dressed ready for their first activity at Marrick which is likely to be orienteering/team building. The children should wear jogger bottoms/casual trousers – **not jeans**.

The children will return to school on **Friday 20th April** by lunchtime. They will be provided with a packed lunch which they will eat in school. The children may be collected from school at 1:00pm onwards or stay until the end of school at 3.15pm.

Daily Routines

Breakfast 8:30am

Typical Breakfast: Cereal (a choice of about 10!), Cooked Meal eg: Sausages and Beans, Bacon and Tomatoes Toast, (as much as you can eat!) tea or coffee.

Lunch will be at 1pm approximately. Packed Lunches are made before breakfast by the children: Sandwiches, packet of crisps, biscuit/cake, (often home-made), fruit.

Evening Meal 6pm



Typical Evening Meal: Soup/Fruit Juice, Hot meal with vegetables e.g. Fish and Chips, Roast Chicken, Pasta, Steak Pie, Sweet e.g. Fruit and Ice-cream.

The children will get ready for bed at **9:30pm** and lights out will be at **10pm**. (hopefully!)

The children will be placed into rota teams to set tables, help with washing up etc. They will also be responsible for the day-to-day tidiness of the centre and will take an active part in the overall cleaning of the centre prior to our departure.

Sample Programme

This is a sample programme that we have followed before and we will consult with the children before our programme is finalised. We want the children to experience a full and varied programme to give them the opportunity to experience a range of activities.

MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
	Arrive 13:00 – eat own lunch All Orienteering	Evening Meal 18:00 Night Walk
Breakfast 08:30 Gp 1 Ropes Course Gp 2 Open Canoeing Gp 3 Climbing/ Abseil	Lunch 13:00 Gp 1 Climbing/ Abseil Gp 2 Archery Gp 3 Ropes Course	Evening Meal 18:00 Night Line
Breakfast 08:30 Gp 1 Archery Gr 2 Ropes Course Gr 3 Open Canoeing	Lunch 13:00 Gp 1 Open Canoeing Gp 2 Climbing/ Abseil Gp 3 Archery	Evening Meal 18:00 Visit to Ice Cream Parlour
Breakfast 08:30 All Groups: Local Day Walk		Evening Meal 18:00 Camp Fire
Breakfast 08:30 Clean up and depart approx: 10:30am.	Arrive back at school: approx: 1pm	

Health & Safety

All specialist activities will be led and instructed by well qualified staff from the centre and are appropriate for the age group. Comprehensive risk assessments are carried out by the centre for the activities and by the school for the other elements of the visit. These are available for parents to view on request.

Each activity offered is run according to the procedures laid down in “Activity Guidelines” and are structured around the identification of hazards and the management of risks.

Please note that these activities may be subject to change; weather conditions are always taken into account. This may result in a cancellation of an activity, without prior warning, rather than putting any group members at unacceptable risk.

Evening activities will be led by school staff as well as the centre staff.

Clothing & Equipment List

Please refer to attached list. You need to be prepared for every type of weather at Marrick Priory! Please remember to take sun cream. The children will require approximately £10- £12 (no more!) pocket money, in small change please, for the ice cream parlour and the souvenir/tuck shop.

Behaviour

There is a very high standard of care for the pupils at Marrick; and the emphasis is on their health, safety, hygiene and their general well being and happiness.

With this in mind, there is a clear framework for the smooth running of the centre. "Ground-Rules" are explained during the initial welcome, (including procedures in case of fire) as are meal routines during the first meal. Pupils are expected to abide by these rules.

In the unlikely event that any child behaves in a way that causes danger to themselves or others or does not follow the accepted and appropriate code of conduct, then regrettably, I shall contact parents and ask them to bring their child home. Before the visit the children will work with staff to devise an agreed code of conduct for the visit. Parents will receive a copy and invited to sign it also.

The children will be expected to treat all members of the group and the staff at the centre with courtesy and respect and children will be expected to follow instructions given. If, at any time, this does not happen, then privileges will be removed for a short time. e.g. earlier bedtime, no visit to the tuck shop, removal from an activity. Inappropriate language towards adults or other children will not be tolerated and parents will be contacted.

Medicines

If your child requires medicine, including travel sickness tablets, you must fill in a Consent to Administer Medicine Form **before Tuesday 27th March**. Please collect a form from the school office.

All medicines must be labelled with your child's name and details about the dosage and handed in to the school office on **Monday 16th April**.

If your child requires a travel sickness tablet please supply two dosages in a labelled envelope.

Contact

The telephone number for Marrick Priory is 01748 884434 (office) or 01748 884480 (residents). Parents are requested to only use this in an emergency in out of school hours. Otherwise, please contact school in the first instance to speak to a member of staff. Children will not be able to ring home as this can cause them to become upset and homesick.

No mobile phones should be brought to Marrick Priory.

For your information the website is: www.marrickpriory.co.uk

Emergency Contact

It is important that we can contact you or another responsible adult at all times of the day. Please supply several contact numbers. Please rest assured, that in the event of an emergency, we will contact you either through school or directly.

Insurance

This has been arranged for Hookstone Chase Primary School through the Department for Education. The schedule/policy is available to view on request. If any parents are dissatisfied with these arrangements they are requested to make additional cover privately.

As you are already aware, the cost is **£265**, payable in instalments, which is inclusive of all accommodation, food, instruction, specialist equipment, travel and insurance

If you would like your child to participate in this visit, please make sure that the initial parental consent form is completed and returned to school and the deposit of £65.00 paid by **Monday 6th November. Further information (contact details and medical information) will be requested from parents in the Spring Term.**

I hope that this provides sufficient information. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other queries.

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Headteacher