



7th June 2022

Y6 Residential Visit to Carlton Outdoor Education Centre

Dear Parents,

We are extremely excited that our trip to Carlton is imminent and aim to give the children as much information as possible to make sure they are feeling confident. We are very aware this is a big deal for the children after the last couple of years and many will not have stayed away from home for too long. The staff going are very experienced and will make sure the children are well cared for. It's going to be a fantastic week!

Attached to this letter are two very important pieces of information:

1. **Consent/ Medical Form:** This needs to be completed and returned to your child's Y6 class teacher by this **Friday (09/06/22)** as we need to pass this information on to the centre.
2. **Kit list:** This is for your information and to help you and your child get prepared. Please stick to what is advised and send old clothing where possible. There is a gift shop with a selection of souvenirs on sale. The children will be allowed to bring a maximum of **£5:00** to spend there.

The visit provides an opportunity to learn about outdoor life and enjoy outdoor activities led by highly experienced and professional instructors. The list of activities planned include archery, wild country walks, forest adventures and orienteering plus many more. We will not be participating in any water-based activities. We will endeavour to put up daily photos from the trip on our Twitter account to keep you updated.

We will be departing from school by **9:30am on Monday 27th June**. You will need to bring your child to the Community Hall entrance for 9:00am. Once your child is in the hall, you will be asked to leave and then you can wave us farewell when we get on the bus. We will be taking part in activities as soon as we arrive therefore your child must be dressed appropriately.

We will arrive back at school on **Friday 1st July by 12:00pm**. Please make sure a parent/guardian is at school to collect from the layby, where the coaches will arrive.

I have also attached the FAQ that were on your original consent letter. If you have any queries please get in touch with one of us at sgibson@whinstone.org.uk or rwilson@whinstone.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gibson and Mrs Wilson

What are the dates of the visit to Carlton?

Monday 27 June - Friday 1 July 2022

How will the group travel to and from Carlton?

The group will travel by coach and school minibus. Carlton minibuses will be used to travel to and from activities throughout the week.

Groupings and organisation?

The children will be split into groups of 12 (maximum size), each group will be assigned a member of Whinstone school staff and a member of Carlton staff. Each day, after breakfast, the groups will be met by a Carlton instructor who will lead the day's activity. At the end of the day (after evening meal) the Carlton instructors will leave the site and Whinstone staff will supervise the children until the following morning.

All instructors are professionally qualified, hold enhanced DBS checks and are fully insured.

Which member of Whinstone staff will accompany the children?

Depending on numbers there will be at least 4 members of Whinstone staff accompanying the children. In previous years additional members of staff visited after school to join in the evening activities. There will be at least one member of Whinstone staff for each activity group

Will the children need specialist clothing?

Children will need to take plenty of old clothes including items appropriate to the time of year. On arrival at Carlton the children will be issued with wet weather clothing, rucksack and footwear. There is no need to buy new clothes.

What about sleeping arrangements?

The children will sleep in a purpose- built residential block. The block consists of 2 "wings" (boys and girls). Each wing has toilets, showers (individual cubicles) and lounge. The children will sleep in rooms of between 3 and 8. They will be encouraged to keep the rooms clean and tidy and there will be a daily room inspection!

Children will not need to take electrical items such as iPads. They will be very busy from waking up to going to bed, there will be no spare time for relaxing and playing. At the end of each day the children will be very tired and want to go to sleep at bedtime!

What will the children eat?

Breakfast will be cereal followed by a cooked breakfast. Lunch is a choice of sandwich, fruit, biscuit, crisps and drink. Evening meal is a hot meal eg, home-made pie, roast dinner, lasagne followed by a choice of pudding. The children will have a biscuit and drink before bedtime. There is plenty of food, the children will not be hungry.

Do the children need to take money?

Carlton sell small gifts. The children will need to take no more than £5.

What activities will the children take part in?

On arrival, after being issued with clothing, the children will walk to the top of Carlton Bank or around the local area, take part in team building activities and learn the skills of archery

Forest adventure takes children into the forest to experience life as an adventurer, here they will build shelters, make hot chocolate, toast marshmallows on open fires and learn about the life in the forest,

Orienteering teaches children the skills of navigation and group work. Following orienteering the children enjoy climbing activities on the purpose-built climbing walls.

Wild country walk enables the children to experience a day on the Cleveland Way. Children learn map reading skills as the instructors encourage them to navigate to the end of the walk. The group stops at the Wainstones and has the opportunity to enjoy weaselling around the rocks and boulders.

We will not participate in water based activities.

Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found at [Outdoor Activities Provider | Carlton Adventure | Middlesbrough](#)