



Boreatton Park Residential 2018



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Introduction to the Residential

The 2018 Year 6 residential visit will be to Boreatton Park House, Shrewsbury. We will travel to the site on Wednesday 13th June and travel back on Friday 15th June.

Mr. Smith will be leading this residential and he has experience of both leading and participating in numerous other residential visits. At least five other adults will be supporting the children throughout the visit: Mrs Brodie, Mrs Cook, Mrs Harding, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Carr. This ensures that all child : adult ratio requirements are met.

This residential has been organised with several objectives and intentions in mind. All such objectives orientate around 2 clear focus points:

- ✓ Providing the children with rich learning opportunities in a variety of interesting outdoor environments.
- ✓ Developing social skills and positive relationships with their peers and staff.

Timetable for the residential

We will leave school at approximately 9.30am on Wednesday 13th June. Traffic permitting, we should arrive at Boreatton Park by 12.00pm. Children will eat their packed lunch, which is to be brought from home, upon arrival at Boreatton Park.

On Friday 15th June, we will leave Boreatton Park at approximately 1.00pm, after having eaten lunch. If traffic is kind to us, which on a Friday evening it may not be, we would expect to arrive back in Burton Joyce at approximately 3.30pm. Should traffic have an impact on our expected arrival time, school would be contacted and a text message would be sent out informing you of our delay and our revised arrival time.

Prior to leaving school, on the Wednesday, the children will have been divided up into groups of approximately 12 children. They will stay in their activity groups for each activity.

Below is a rough outline for the structure of a typical day at Boreatton Park. In the very near future, PGL will be in contact with school, providing us with a list of activities that they can offer. At this point, all children in Year 6 will be given the opportunity to share their preferences for both daytime and evening activities. The votes will be collated and from this our preferred activities will be chosen, which will be forwarded onto P.G.L.'s head offices. In most cases, schools will be given an activity plan that includes all of preferences. However, on rare occasions, slight tweaks to our preferred activities may need to be made. Final confirmation of our activity plans will be sent to school, in the weeks immediately prior to the residential. Each of the activity groups will complete the same activities but on different days and/or at different times. For more information regarding the types of activities that P.G.L. offer, please visit <http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/boreatton-park>

Time	Activity
07.00 - 09.00	Wake up, chance for a shower, have breakfast and get ready for the day ahead
09.15 - 12.30	Morning activities (usually 2 sessions) with a 15 minute refreshment break
12.30 - 14.00	Two course lunch and rest period/ chance for a shower
14.15 - 17.30	Afternoon activities (usually 2 sessions) with a 15 minute refreshment break
18.00 - 19.00	Evening meal
19.00 - 21.00	Evening activity
21.00 - 21.30	Chance for a shower, clean teeth and settle down for bed

Whilst the visit will take place during the summer and we hope for good weather, this can't be ensured (some things even teachers can't control!) Therefore, should the weather prevent us from following our plans, the PGL staff have alternative arrangements in place. I will stress though - barring exceptionally heavy wind/rain or thunderstorms, we will be continuing with our planned activities. Therefore, children **MUST** take waterproof clothing on the residential (see 'Kit List' for more details).

Meals

On departure day, your child will need to come to school with a packed lunch, which they will eat on arrival at Boreatton Park. This should not include any fizzy drinks and should be packed in your child's small day to day drawstring bag / ruck sack, which they will take onto the coach with them. Whilst at Boreatton Park, the children will receive 3 meals per day: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Last year, it was evident that P.G.L. take great pride in meeting the dietary needs of all children. Whilst P.G.L. will do everything they can to ensure all children find something they will enjoy eating, children must be made aware that they will not have as wide a selection as they would be offered in a restaurant. Below is a sample menu, which was being offered during last year's visit

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST		
Choice of 3 cereals with semi-skimmed milk Assorted yoghurts White and brown toasts, with preserves Seasonal fresh fruit Porridge oats with cinnamon and brown sugar Grilled sausages Scrambled eggs Baked beans Vegetable sausages	Choice of 3 cereals with semi-skimmed milk Assorted yoghurts White and brown toasts, with preserves Seasonal fresh fruit Porridge oats with cinnamon and brown sugar Grilled bacon Fresh mushrooms Spaghetti hoops Quorn sausages	Choice of 3 cereals with semi-skimmed milk Assorted yoghurts White and brown toasts, with preserves Seasonal fresh fruit Porridge oats with cinnamon and brown sugar Grilled sausages Scrambled eggs Baked hash browns Vegetable sausages
LUNCH		
Cream of mushrooms soup (served with a choice of bread rolls) Beefburger with tomato relish Spicy vegetarian burger Chips Peas Salad bar	Vegetable and chickpea soup (served with a choice of bread rolls) Jacket potato, served with hot and cold fillings: Chilli con Carne Baked beans Coleslaw Salad bar	Spinach and broccoli soup (served with a choice of bread rolls) Baguettes, served with hot and cold fillings: Pork in salsa sauce Tuna and cucumber Soft cheese Salad bar
DINNER		
Chef's special soup Pork with apple sauce Cottage pie Stuffed peppers with cous cous, chick peas and cheese Grilled tomatoes with chives Dessert	Chef's special soup Roast turkey Salmon strips Spinach and ricotta cannelloni Fresh sautéed leek Fresh broccoli Dessert	Chef's special soup Battered chicken chunks Tuna pasta bake Chickpea and vegetable curry Peas and sweetcorn Fresh courgettes Dessert

Before leaving on Friday, children will have lunch provided by P.G.L.

Kit List

Bags	Footwear
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luggage bag (preferably with wheels) - to carry all clothing• Small draw string bag / ruck sack - big enough to contain: a packed lunch, a water bottle and waterproof clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 pairs of comfortable trainers (in the event one pair gets wet)• A pair of comfortable shoes i.e. canvas• Slippers
Daytime clothing	Indoor clothing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socks (several pairs)• Underwear (several pairs)• Shorts / skirts• Jogging bottoms / combat trousers / leggings• Dresses• T-shirts• Sunhat / baseball cap• Hoody / jumper / fleece	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeans (not to be worn out during the day because if it rains they won't dry and will become heavy)• Shirt (optional)• Nightwear• Light dressing gown (optional)
Waterproofing	Toiletries
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waterproof jacket with a hood (essential)• Waterproof trousers (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash bag• Toothbrush & toothpaste• Soap• Shampoo & shower gel• Roll-on deodorant (aerosol deodorants trigger the fire alarms)• Towels (one for showering and one 'old' towel)• Feminine hygiene products (if necessary)

Other

- Pillow (with pillow case) and sleeping bag
- Water bottle
- Sun cream
- Named plastic carrier bags for dirty linen

Kit List (points to note)

* All bags, water bottles, footwear, items of clothing, sleeping bags, wallets and cameras must be clearly labelled, to ensure there are no disputes over possessions and lost property can be speedily returned.

** Whilst I understand many children will want to wear their most expensive and fashionable clothing, I STRONGLY advise against this. Most of the activities will take place in an outdoor environment, which may result in clothing becoming muddied / dirty. Therefore, I advise packing non-white, inexpensive and practical clothing.

*** A camera may be taken but will remain the child's responsibility for the duration of the trip. MP3 cameras, mobile phone cameras and any other form of cameras are not permitted - just cameras!

**** This residential is designed to get children out in the open and socializing with both staff and their peers. So for just three days, we insist children do not bring any forms of electronic entertainments (this includes mobile phones).

***** And finally - please pack as lightly as possible. Hair straighteners and make-up are not essentials! Although luggage bags will only need to be carried a short distance, the children will need to carry them by themselves - I (Mr. Smith) should not be expected to carry up to 60 children's bags because individuals have over-packed. Additionally, bags with wheels would be preferable.

Expectations

- ✓ Children will respond appropriately to ALL adults - school staff and activity leaders.
- ✓ Children will respect the P.G.L. site, buildings and equipment.
- ✓ Children will WALK around the site / main building and follow any other P.G.L. rules.
- ✓ Children will be expected to keep their rooms tidy and presentable.
- ✓ Children will be responsible for their own personal belongings - including clothing, cameras, water bottles and spending money.
- ✓ Over meal times, children will keep noise to an appropriate level.

Miscellaneous

1. On Wednesday morning, children should arrive at school, on the playground, by 8.50am - at the latest. They do not need to be on the playground any earlier than 8.30am. At 8.50am, the children will carry their luggage into the school hall, congregate for registration and be reminded of the plans for the morning. Any parents wishing to wave their children goodbye should wait by the coaches and NOT come into the hall or wait on the playground. Inevitably, some children may feel a little homesick and need to be distracted with jobs in order to get them going - this is almost impossible when parents are still around! I thank you in advance for supporting me with this, as I know it can be a little tearful for everyone concerned.
2. Children are responsible for their own inhalers and should keep them on their person at all times. Any other medication, whether it is to be self or adult administered, must be handed to Mrs Robinson, between 8.40am and 8.50am, on the day we leave, so we can keep it in a safe and secure place. All medication must be clearly labeled. If your child has recently started taking medication and it hasn't been registered on any previous documentation, please speak to Mrs Robinson, so she is made aware of this and any necessary forms can be completed. Children, who take medication on a regular basis (i.e. not as and when), will be reminded when it is time to take their medicine.
3. The coach, travelling to and from the P.G.L. site, is fitted with seat belts.
4. As I have already mentioned - children **MUST NOT** bring mobile phones with them. There are several reasons for this including children feeling even more homesick after speaking to family members and there are several safeguarding issues relating to the facilities available on modern mobile technology. Therefore, we urge all parents to be present when packing children's bags and personally collect any mobile phones to ensure they aren't sneaked into bags at the last minute! Any mobiles that are discovered will be confiscated and only returned to children / parents upon arriving back at school.
5. Children can take up to £10 with them to use as spending money on the residential - this can be spent in the onsite gift shop. Looking after spending money will remain the children's responsibility for the duration of the trip.
6. Whilst all staff will help and support whenever possible, it is each child's responsibility to look after their own possessions and we will not be held responsible for ANY losses.
7. Children will be given the chance to state their preferences for which children they would like in their activity and dormitory groups. However, all parents and children must note and accept that a considerable amount of time is spent setting the groups, to ensure all children are well behaved and can enjoy the residential safely. Moving a child to another group has considerable knock-on effects and results in numerous children being displaced from groups they would have been happy with. Every effort will be made to ensure children are placed with at least one child of their choice, but logistically it is not always possible to entirely please everybody. For various reasons, children will only be informed of their activity and dormitory groups on arrival at the centre.

Final Few Words

Two websites I would suggest taking a look at are:

<http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/boreatton-park>

<http://www.pgl.co.uk/parents>

Should parents have any further questions then please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted on my school email address jonathan.smith@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk If you are unable to contact me via email or have a more pressing issue, you can call or organise to come and meet me after school.

I sincerely hope that your child is looking forward to the forthcoming residential as much as I am. In the weeks leading up to the residential, I will meet with all pupils to discuss the plans, our expectations of the children and what they can expect from us as adults. They will be given ample opportunities to ask questions and receive answers that will put their minds to rest, so they are safe in the knowledge that they have a wonderful residential ahead of them, where they should feel completely safe and secure.

Regards

Mr. J Smith and the residential team