

School Journey 2021

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Depart from school by minibus at 12pm on Monday 28th June with Miss Pitcher, Mrs Leafe, Mrs Daters and our driver. Mrs Daters and Mrs Leafe will take all luggage in their cars so please pack efficiently.

Stop off and picnic at Pevensey Bay – please provide a packed lunch. Ice creams will be provided 😊

Arrive at Windmill Hill at 3pm

Settle in before dinner and evening activity. Mrs Daters will leave at dinner time.

Daily updates on website/Facebook group

Miss Pitcher will stay all week and Miss Mead will take over from Mrs Leafe on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Rule will visit on Wednesday.

Return to school for approx. 3pm July 2nd via parent and staff cars.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child take valuables?

We strongly request that all valuables such as mobile phones, computer games, jewellery etc. are left at home. An important part of the week is learning to be away from home and develop independence. Calling home can make things harder. Personal loss of expensive items is not covered by the insurance policy.

Can sweets be taken?

Children may take a small amount of sweets (not chocolate) to enjoy in the evening each night.

How will cabin and activity groups be organised?

Year 5 will form 1 activity group supervised by Mrs Leafe then Miss Pitcher. Year 6 will form a 2nd group working with Miss Pitcher then Miss Mead. Cabin groups will be split by gender and organised in collaboration with the children prior to departure. No more than 4 children will share one room.

Does my child need to take any pocket money?

Children are welcome to bring up to £10 pocket money with them for their stay. The centre has a gift shop where they can purchase branded and non-branded goods, including stationery, T-shirts, caps and confectionery.

[PGL-Gift-Shop-Price-List](#)

What activities will my child be doing?

All PGL's adventure activities take place under the instruction and guidance of specially trained PGL instructors who prioritise safety above all else. Activities take place on land, on the water and in the air (for our rope-based challenges), so each brings a different (and fun!) way for children to challenge themselves in a friendly, safe and supportive environment. You can see a full list of activities on each centre page on the website, along with a full description and photos.

Itinerary for the Week

- To be communicated prior to visit

Catering

There are freshly-prepared hot or cold options available at every mealtime and a self-service salad bar for children to help themselves to as much salad as they like at lunch and dinner. Homemade soup is available most days and there is plenty of bread and fresh fruit available, as well as hot and cold drinks. The kitchen and menu is fully nut-free.

Sample menu

What is the accommodation like?

At Windmill Hill there are lodges with ensuite rooms, sleeping 5-6 in bunk beds.

Are the staff DBS checked?

Yes, for all staff the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) 'Barred List' is checked and an 'Enhanced' check is applied for.

Are the activity instructors qualified?

Yes, all instructors are carefully selected, highly trained and meet the requirements laid down by national governing bodies, including The Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA), The British Activity Providers Association (BAPA) and the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC).

Can I contact my child while they are away?

For many children, part of the learning experience is about being away from home, sometimes for the first time. We would ask parents to allow their children to settle in and enjoy the experience.

In the event of an emergency, you may of course get in contact with us. During the day, the school office should be called. Out of office hours, Windmill Hill can be called on 0333 321 2116

My child can't swim, can they still take part?

You must inform the Party Leader of your child's swimming ability. Water confidence is adequate for some activities and we will make alternative arrangements so that your child does not miss out.

It's my child's birthday whilst they are away, can you help them celebrate?

If the Party Leader is aware of this, we will be happy to arrange a birthday card and a V.I.P sticker entitling the birthday boy or girl to special privileges throughout the day; for example queue jumping for meals and activities. Happy Birthday will be sung during the day in an appropriate place.

What will my child learn on a PGL Trip?

For activity-based trips in the UK, children overcome a series of challenges in the great outdoors to develop resilience, confidence and the motivation to succeed. The residential experience itself brings a whole range of additional benefits to the personal development of young people. Children will be sharing living and sleeping space, eating together and tackling the day's adventures together, which encourages respect for others, tolerance and better self-awareness.

'We are continually developing our courses to offer the best learning opportunities for young people and we work with organisations such as the Council for Learning Outside The Classroom and the Real World Learning Campaign Partnership to share expertise and ensure standards are kept consistently high.'

Are there first aid facilities at the centre?

PGL has first aid cover available at all centres. Any other medication required will be supplied and administered by the Party Leader. Please ensure this arrives before departure in a labelled and original container. A medicines form should also be completed.

In an emergency, centre staff will assist in calling an ambulance to transport the ill or injured guest to hospital. For non-emergencies, centre staff will normally arrange transport by taxi or party leader car to the appropriate medical facility.

Question Time

- Face masks for the journey, please.
- The site does not get too dark at night, and is regularly patrolled; plug-in nightlights or torches may be taken.
- Miss Pitcher will talk through routines and behaviour expectations on arrival. Children will be supported sensitively throughout the week.