

8th April 2022

Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to taking your children on their residential trip to Barton Hall on Monday 25th April to Wednesday 27th April. We are aiming for the residential to provide a memorable experience for your child which allows them to develop their independence, confidence and teamwork skills, but most importantly we want them to have fun! Please see below for some details which will answer some of your questions about the trip.

Travel arrangements:

Please drop the children off at school with their belongings at normal time. We will travel to Barton Hall and back on a coach. The coach will depart Dunsford at 10:30 on Monday morning, pick up the children from All Saints Marsh on the way and then continue to Barton Hall for a 12:00 arrival. The coach will depart Barton Hall at 13:30 on Wednesday afternoon, drop the children off from ASM and arrive back at Dunsford by 15:00 in time for a normal pick up.

Where is Barton Hall?

The centre is located off the Kingskerswell Road and is near to the Alpine Ski Club. The postcode is TQ2 8JY.

Who is attending?

There will be adults from each Academy. Miss Massey will be joining from All Saints Marsh and Miss Holt and Mrs Jeffery will be joining from Dunsford. We will also be joined by another adult from All Saints Marsh each day.

Activity groups:

The children will be in small groups of boys and girls for the activities. The groups will be led by qualified instructors during the day and two members of our team will accompany each group.

Accommodation:

The girls and boys will sleep separately with no more than 4 children in one room. The adults from ASM and Dunsford will be in close proximity and the children will be shown where the adults are in case they need to speak to them during the night. We will be staying in the main house with all the bedrooms along one corridor. No other school will have access to our area. Each room has 1 full bathroom attached to it with a toilet, sink and shower.

Food:

The meals are freshly cooked, balanced and will give your child plenty of energy to keep them going throughout the day. Please do not provide your child with any food for the trip, including a treat for the evening. All food will be provided.

What do the children need to bring?

Clothing is likely to become wet and dirty so please bring suitable clothes for the adventurous activities we will be enjoying! For the dry activities, children need to wear t-shirts or a long-sleeved



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top with trousers or leggings and trainers (this is likely to include a zip wire, a survival activity, archery, climbing and a sensory trail). For our wet activity (this is likely to be canoeing), please can children bring a change of clothes, a small towel and a backpack to carry their items. Jeans are not suitable. If it is warm weather, which hopefully it will be, please can children also bring sun hats and have sun cream. Please remember that the bedding is not included for your child. Please see the kit list for more information.

Communication:

We **do not encourage phone calls** from home as one of our aims is for children to be independent during the residential period. **In an emergency**, contact can be made via the School Office on 01626 365293 (ASM) or 01626 572971 (Dunsford) who will then contact us at Barton Hall. **We have your contact numbers** if we need to get hold of you which will follow the same procedure as when your child is at school. **NO MOBILE PHONES PLEASE.**

Medication / Money:

Please provide the staff member from your child's school with all money and medication (in a named envelope) before departure.

Thank you for your support in enabling this trip to be a memorable event for our Year 4 children.

Kind regards,

Miss Holt and Miss Massey