



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Y5 Swanage Residential Visit

Both Y5 Classes will be attending together on Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th May 2024

I am writing to provide you with further information regarding the Year 5 residential visit to Swanage.

The children will be accompanied by:

Miss New, Mrs Hughes, Mr Paterson, Mrs Collins, Mrs Anderson, Miss Khan, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Davies.

We shall be staying at Swanage Youth Hostel, 20 Cluny Crescent, Swanage, BH19 2BS telephone number 01929 422113 (for emergency use only). The hostel is well equipped and many school groups use it for residential visits.

The total cost of the trip is £256.00 per child and **the deposit is due now with the remaining balance to be paid by Monday 15th April**. This can be paid online or in instalments from now – and an extended period of time, on request, if that eases the financial impact. Please may I ask you to check your eligibility for free school meals, following the link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> Those parents who are entitled would be eligible for assistance in meeting the cost of school trips.

If the financial contribution, which includes the cost of transport to and from the venue, is likely to be a barrier to your child's participation, please do arrange to speak to Mrs. Cook in the School Office in confidence.

Please remember all our residential visits are non-profit making. Although contributions to school trips are voluntary, if insufficient contributions are received unfortunately the trip may be cancelled.

Children should arrive at school as usual on Tuesday 7th May. They should bring their day rucksack and main bag to the classroom. You are welcome to wave the children goodbye between 9.45 and 10am. The children can be met at 2.30pm on Friday 10th May, the day of return (this is an approximate time). If you are unable to pick up your child we will supervise the children until the end of the day.

Information for the Visit:

A packed lunch with drink and a full water bottle is needed for the first day. Drink containers will be needed during the week. Please label the lid and bottom of the containers. We would be grateful if the children could use bags rather than lunch boxes to save on the washing up.

Medicines must be clearly labelled with the name of the child and instructions, and can be given to a teacher on the morning of departure. Any travel sickness tablets necessary should be taken in advance and provided for the return journey.

Equipment List

Day Rucksack containing: Lunch (in plastic bag)
Drink (in a reuseable bottle)
Waterproof Trousers and Coat
Light weight Sun Hat and a Winter Woolly Hat
Gloves
Sun Tan Lotion
Lip Balm or small tin of Vaseline

Main Bag containing: 1 spare pair of outdoor shoes
Socks, underwear
Fleece Jacket
Sweaters x 2
T-shirts x 4
Trousers x 2 (No jeans or shorts)
Indoor shoes/slippers
One towel
Toilet requisites in a bag (including shower cap for long hair)
Book(s) / top trumps or similar game for quiet times
Large plastic bag for dirty clothes plus 3 spare plastic bags
Night clothes
Teddy

Children should come to school wearing: Shoes suitable for a long walk.
Clothes suitable for weather conditions.

- Please name articles as far as possible.
- Check your equipment list very carefully.
- Please remember personal stereos, ipods, mp3 players, mobile phones, DS, PSP, trading cards, etc are **not** allowed.
- Please pack as small as possible.
- Please note no pocket money is needed
- No sweets

Please note there will be a meeting for parents about the Swanage visit on Thursday 18th April in Miss New's classroom at 3.45pm.

We are looking forward to a rewarding and enjoyable visit.

Yours sincerely

Tony Hughes
Educational Visits Co-ordinator