



**Dringhouses** Primary School  
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KS2 Residential Offer

Dear Parents/Carers

Residential visits are a key part of the national curriculum. Diverse and high quality school trips mean that schools and teachers can create experiences that enhance pupils' classroom learning and add opportunities pupils may not otherwise have had. Here at Dringhouses, we currently offer a bi-annual residential visit in year 5/6 to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. We took our pupils to the centre in June 2021 and this was a truly fantastic visit, benefiting all pupils in a meaningful way, building resilience and independence. The success of this visit led us to evaluate our residential visits offer with Steve Ward (the local authority Educational Visits Officer) and subsequently improve the provision that we provide.

In discussion with staff, parents and pupils, and through researching the offer in place at other York schools, I write with the new Dringhouses Residential Offer for the KS2 pupils in 2021/2022-2022/2023. We strongly believe that children should have the opportunities to develop their resilience, independence and create lasting memories and we know that the offer below will provide this!

**Year 3- Spring Term:** one night sleepover in school! Games, songs, movies and a sleepover in the school hall to experience one night away from home with class mates! *Cost involved: £0*

**Year 4: - Summer Term:** A camp out on the school field! We have been in touch with Dringhouses Scout group who are kindly assisting us with a more rustic night away from home for the children! Camp songs, games and a traditional camping experience! *Cost involved: A contribution to dinner time food.*

**Year 5- March 2022:** PGL residential visit to Caythorpe Court for 3 days and 2 nights. Here, the children will experience adventurous activities in a structured camp setting. Historically, this has been a hugely successful visit for our children. *Cost involved: Approximately £180*

**Year 6- To begin in the 2022/2023 Academic year:** 5 day, 4 night residential at Bewerley Park- an outdoor learning residential at **Bewerley Park** will offer a powerful experience. The centre uses the North Yorkshire moors and landscapes to provide real outdoor activities as the vehicle for **learning and progress**. We have chosen this to start in the next academic year as we feel it would be unfair to place this financial burden on families with limited notice, bearing in mind the children have recently been on the visit to PGL. *Cost involved: approximately £250*

Over the year, additional correspondence will follow regarding each individual residential opportunity but if you have any other questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mary-Kate Swiers



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