

# Botley C of E Primary School



Windmill Hill 2024

## Windmill Hill Facts

- PGL run activity centre.
- Set in twenty-one acres of grounds on the Sussex Downs.
- The centre has purpose-built lodge accommodation and activity bases.
- Facilities include a large sports hall (2000 square metres), seminar rooms and classrooms, a heated outdoor pool and several small lakes within the grounds.

# PGL STAFF

- All PGL staff are DSB checked
  - All PGL staff are First Aid trained
- All PGL staff are trained to a very high standard for the specific activities that they lead.

# Staffing

Mrs Shuttle

Mrs Marsh (FA)

Mrs Rubens

Mrs Wilcock (FA)

Mrs Lahive

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# Accommodation

- Lodges with en suite rooms sleeping 5-6 children.
- Full central heating.
- Mixture of bunk beds and single beds.
- Separate twin teachers rooms next to children's rooms.



# Day Time Activities

Abseiling                      Aeroball  
All Aboard      Tunnel Trail  
Climbing      Giant Swing  
Orienteering Problem Solving  
Raft Building      Sensory Trail  
Trapeze      Zip Wire      Fencing  
Challenge Course



# Evening Activities

- Campfire

- Passport to the World

- Ambush

- Archery Tag



# Typical day at PGL

7:30-8:30: Breakfast

9:00-10:30- Activity 1

10:40-12:10- Activity 2

12:30-2:00- Lunch (We will either be in the early or late seating)

2:00-3:30- Activity 3

3:40-5:10- Activity 4

5:30-7:00- Dinner (Early or late seating)

7:00-8:30- Evening activity

Back to rooms

Ready for bed

Lights out

# Food

- 3 meals a day
- Choice of foods from a wide selection.
- Salad bar at lunch and dinner
- Tuck shop opportunity during the week



# Outward Journey

This year, we will be leaving school at 1pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Children should come to school at usual time. We will be having lunch as usual in school so normal routine for this.

They may wear comfortable clothing on this day and we will be doing some teamwork activities before we leave. Please feel free to come to school just before 1pm to wave your child off.

## Return Journey

- The coach is picking up from Windmill Hill at 1:00pm with an estimated arrival time back at school of 3:00pm.
- As this is the last day of term, roads are often busy so we will regularly update our timings on the day.

They may bring some money with them - £10.00 is the absolute limit. Please could they bring the money in a named purse or wallet and we would suggest in small denominations such as pound coins.

The money will be collected by staff on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning. Children will have one opportunity during the latter part of the week to visit the tuck/gift shop. After their visit, they will be responsible for the rest of their money.

There are several activities that require long sleeve tops. Long hair will need to be tied back all week.

Please make sure your child has packed clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, wet and smelly. Some of the activities are water or mud based and the chances are, that some of their clothes will be very muddy. Do not forget binbags for dirty clothes!

The same goes for shoes – it would be really helpful if they have a really old pair of trainers or something for any water activities, as it has been known for shoes to be sucked off and stuck in the mud! We are not doing anything that requires smart clothes. They do not need to wear uniform at any point during the trip.

We ask, please, that children do not bring electrical goods – including phones – the danger of such equipment being lost or damaged means it is not practical. Also, there are safeguarding issues regarding photos being published on social media.

Furthermore, the children's programme is so packed, that they will not have time for electronic games.

They can bring a pack of cards, a book or travel game for the journey.

Please get in contact with the school if there is a problem and they will contact us. We will do the same if there is a problem at our end. In an emergency, a child will be given access to a staff phone.

We will upload information and pictures each day to our Facebook group.

Please note- this group is for information only and is not an open channel for communication.

Children may bring some sweets for the journey and a few for the week.

However, we do not want to be dealing with sick children who have over indulged. It will spoil their trip, so please do not pack vast amounts of sweets. If a child arrives with too many, they will be rationed through the week by staff.

Please make sure your child can handle the size and weight of their own luggage – they may need to practise before they go. – there will be 57 children going on the trip and we cannot carry everyone's luggage.

We are very much looking forward to this trip, having this chance to get to know the children in a very relaxed way. I'm sure your son or daughter is also feeling excited , if not a little apprehensive! Please encourage them to give everything a go and make the most of this amazing opportunity!

It is a fantastic experience for them, which allows them to grow in independence, confidence, self reliance and resilience in a safe but exciting atmosphere.

Be prepared that when they come back they will be very tired and very possibly, more grown up and independent. They will, at the very least, have learnt how to make their beds and tidy their rooms – so make the most of that too!

We look forward to taking your children on a fantastic residential week!

# What happens next?

- Please return medical forms and let Mrs Shuttle know if there is any specific information you believe we should be aware of.
- A letter will come out to parents approximately 2 weeks prior to the trip with final information and link to the parent Facebook group for the trip.
- We will meet with children in the next few weeks for room choices and discussion about what to expect on the trip.
- On Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Children to come to school at usual time and will hand medication in to the designated first aider for the trip. We will leave at 1pm.
- On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will arrive back to school at approximately 3pm. We will keep parents regularly updated on this.