



Silsden Primary
School

Year 6 Buckden House Residential – Final Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

9th September 2024

After a huge amount of planning, our Buckden House residential trips are finally upon us! I am confident that the trips will be huge success and hope that your child is looking forward to them. I know that some of the children are, understandably, a little anxious about staying away from home but rest assured we will do everything we can to make sure that they have an enjoyable and memorable trip. Please talk positively about the experience with them over the next week or so if they are worrying at all.

This letter just contains a few final bits of information for you about the trip. Please read and retain for the duration of your child's week away.

Getting ready for the trip. Please make sure that you have read the recommended kit list very carefully (this was sent out on Arbor last week). Please don't underestimate how many clothes your child may need – one pair of trousers for outdoor activities won't be enough for the whole week! Several pairs (3 or 4) are recommended, ideally with one remaining as indoor trousers. Pack lots of socks and please name as many items as you can so that things have less chance to get lost.

On the day of departure, please make sure that your child has their packed lunch and that you have packed all medicine so that it can be easily handed in on arrival. Only medicine that we are expecting (as per medical forms) should be packed. **Children with inhalers must bring them or Buckden House will not let them do the activities. As per our school policy, all medication must be prescribed by a doctor and have pharmacy details (inc. dosage) attached. This means that no travel sickness pills, or other over-the-counter medicines, can be brought on the trip** (e.g. for the return trip home). You may give your child a pill on the morning of their departure but they may not bring any more with them. If you have ordered a school packed lunch, it will be waiting for your child in their classroom.

Timings. Please arrive at school as normal. Bags should be handed in at the small hall next to the normal Y5/6 door. This is also where medicine should be handed in. The doors will close at 8:55 as always so please use the main entrance if running late. We expect to board the coach at around 9:45am for a 10am departure. The first set of car park bays will be open should you wish to wave the coach off! Please enter and exit via the main front gates.

We expect to return to school for around 2:15 – 2:30 on the Friday of each week. We will alert school when the bus leaves Buckden House and they will be able to update you if there are any anticipated delays. **You can collect your child as soon as they return to school** – again please use the car park if driving to collect. However, we would ask that any siblings remain in school for the normal full day. If you are unable to collect upon the return of the coach, then your child will be supervised until normal collection at 3:20.



Staffing

There are many staff who have volunteered their time to ensure the trip runs smoothly. Please see the list below so you know which staff are away when as it will be harder for us to respond to any Dojo messages for instance. During their week in school, the children will receive a full week of learning as normal, however please expect a few timetable changes. We will not be sending out any homework over this fortnight, but don't forget about the home learning projects that are due on Monday 21st October.

Trip 1 (23 Sep – 27 Sep)

At Buckden House

Teachers: Mrs Hazlehurst (trip leader), Mr Coates

Support Staff: Mrs Dent and Miss Firth.

Trip 2 (30 Sept – 4 Oct)

At Buckden House

Teachers: Mrs Hazlehurst (trip leader), Mr Daykin

Support Staff: Mrs Dent, Miss Firth and Mrs Beaumont.

Mr Russell also hopes to be able to pop up to Buckden at some point during the week too!

Emergency Contact Details

Should there be any need to contact us whilst we are away, please use the details below.

These should only be used in an emergency. We have contact info for you all with us – we don't plan to contact you for any reason, but don't be alarmed if you see a call from an unknown number as it may be that we just need to just check something routine with you. Please also check that you have access to the Class Dojo app in case of messages via that route.

08:00 to 17:00 – please contact school on 01535 210666 and they will get in touch with us.

17:00 to 08:00 – The number for the evening at Buckden House is 01274 434171 (note: different to their published daytime number). This is an unmanned phone so please be patient if there is no immediate answer.

I also hope to be able to post a few photos on the school X (Twitter) account (@SilsdenPrimary) during the weeks away. Other photos will be shared with you via Dojo on return. Please note – Wifi can be very unreliable at Buckden; any updates may not be every day and I usually post late in the evening, once the children are in bed.

I hope that's everything! Please find me if you have any questions.

Regards, Mrs Hazlehurst (on behalf of all the Year 6 team)