

Notes for Burwell House Parents' Meeting – 23rd January 2019

We are planning a Year 4, overnight visit to Burwell House, leaving on Tuesday 7th May 2019 and returning the following day Wednesday 8th May.

There is a deposit of £20.00 which needs to be paid on 28th February 2019. The overall cost will be £92.00 which can be paid all at once or in instalments if you wish. This includes all meals, accommodation and activities.

Burwell is situated in Cambridgeshire – about 45 minutes drive away. It is similar to a large family home – comfortable and warm with all the facilities within the house.

We intend to leave school promptly by 9:30 am to arrive at Burwell by 10:30 for our first activity. The school gates will be open at 9:10 to allow you to park on the playground outside Lime Class. Any siblings will be permitted to arrive late this day but please confirm this with the office.

Whilst staying, there is absolutely no need for mobile phones, ipods, mp3 players, kindles etc – they will be taken away from the children if they bring them. They can bring a pack of cards or book to read.

Medical information and contact details will be asked for from you, nearer the time to enable us to have the most up to date information – all medication will be kept by and administered by staff – morning and night where necessary.

Children are responsible for carrying and looking after their own bags/property, so please bear this in mind when packing (weight!) A list of things that children should pack will be sent out nearer the time – but as a guide – towel, all messy and all weather clothes, indoor and outdoor shoes. Activities will be indoors and outside within the boundaries of Burwell House – come prepared.

On arrival, children are kept busy from start to finish – shown around, talked to by the centre leader who goes through the activities, rules and routines for the two days. Evening activities are organised by school staff based around team games, treasure hunts etc. Very little time to themselves – kept active.

There is a shop that staff control – children are allowed to bring up to £5 to spend, if you wish them to. There is a range of small items to buy e.g. pencils, rubbers, small teddy, purse etc. Burwell Fox very popular. We do not allow them to buy sweets or drinks (there is plenty of food at mealtime and we provide a small treat in the evening).

Food at Burwell is delicious! It's all home cooked and there's plenty of it. Children and adults eat all meals together in the dining room and there will be a set meal for all – chosen by us. Vegetarians and children with religious or allergy requirements are catered for.

Rooms are a mix of sizes – ranging from 3 to 12! Allocation depends on numbers of girls/boys going.

EVERYONE MUST BRING A SOFT TOY!

All rooms have a fire door (fire practice happens soon after arrival) and a small light that can be kept on at night if required.

House is locked at night by us, but the main door is a fire door so can get out if necessary.

It is important for us to know if your child is a bed wetter – this does not prevent them from going. We will be asking you to give us information about night time 'issues' nearer the time so we can assign rooms and beds appropriately (please be honest – all information will be dealt with strictly confidentially).

Burwell House is set in 3 acres of grounds – fully enclosed. We will be the only school at the centre. There is lots of space for the children to explore and play in.

Activities vary from year to year – treasure hunts, batik, hammer and nail art, enamelling, corn dollies and team building. No 'risky' activities e.g. high wire/quad bike or sport typed activities – very different to the Year 6 trips.

Children are split into groups of 15, across the two classes, with a member of Summercroft at all times. Day groups not the same as bedroom groups.

We aim to encourage the children to develop their skills in teamwork, cooperation and independence throughout the stay.

We will leave after lunch on the Wednesday, to arrive back at school by approximately 3:00pm.

Lots of fun to be had by all!