



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

Parents FAQ

Q: What experience does Frylands Wood have in working with schools?

A: Scouting is the largest co-educational youth organisation in the United Kingdom. It has been successful for 100 years now in teaching communication skills, decision-making, teamwork, leadership and personal development. Participants follow our philosophy of "learning by doing" and our qualified staff work directly with small groups to achieve positive learning outcomes. It is our aim to make the experience fun, interesting and as exciting as possible.

Q: Will children need additional pocket money?

A: We do have a shop where pupils can buy sweets, drinks, pencils and souvenirs such as key rings and bookmarks.

Q: What are your accommodation arrangements like?

A: Boys and girls sleep in bunk beds in separate rooms in self-contained buildings. They need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. Toilets are provided in the buildings. Further toilet and shower facilities are close by.

Q: Can parents telephone their children?

A: The School will have its own policy on contacting your child. In our experience, parents phoning their children just to talk, often makes the children's time away from home harder, rather than easier. It is advisable to go through the School first if you wish to speak to your child.

Q: What care is available during the night?

A: Teachers are located in separate rooms in the same building and there is also a Duty Manager and First Aider on call throughout the night. Each building is exclusive to a school and can be locked internally at night. (Fire exits are not affected by this.)

Q: When is bedtime?

A: This may vary depending on the age of the group and their teachers' preferences. Once the evening programme is complete the teachers take responsibility for bedtime.

Q: Will my child cope?

A: All Frylands Wood staff are trained to take responsibility for the well-being of the children who are in their care. We strive to create a warm and supportive environment at all times.

Q: What about children with special needs?

A: Frylands Wood has provided activities and facilities for a number and variety of Special Needs groups. We can cope and adapt to many needs as long as teachers make us aware of them at the time of booking. Pupils with special needs who are used to taking part in activities with the rest of the class are given extra care and attention as soon as they are identified to us. We will advise you if we think we are not equipped to cope with a specific situation.

Q: What's the food like?

A: Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all created around food that children love to eat – but with health and nutrition foremost in mind. All meals are home cooked. We cater for children with special religious or dietary needs if we are informed well in advance. Whilst we can't cater for fussy eaters en masse our catering staff will always do their best to find something for the really fussy eater.

Q: Do children from different schools mix?

A: In principle, no. Occasionally there are schools and other Youth Organisations sharing the facilities, each remaining with their own group throughout the day. Most importantly, children from different schools never share the same dorms. There are moments of free time when the schools may mix, play a game etc.

Q: What does my child need to bring?

A: A kit list is available in the information pack provided to the school on booking.

Q: What should my child not bring to Frylands Wood?

A: Mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, iPods or mp3 players, expensive jewelry, expensive or favorite clothing or shoes.

Q: How secure is the centre?

A: Frylands Wood has CCTV, and we strive to maintain the highest standards of safety at all times.

Q: What should parents do regarding illness?

A: We ask parents to be vigilant before your child's trip to Frylands Wood. If your child shows symptoms of illness please inform their teacher or trip leader who can contact us directly for information.