

INFORMATION FROM OAKWOOD CENTRE

What experience does Oakwood have working with schools?

At Oakwood, we have 20 years experience of building relationships and working in partnership with schools. These connections have allowed us to continually improve the outdoor activity sessions we offer, by incorporating school projects, goals and individuals' development. Our commitment to tailor made sessions and desire to support schools in achieving their unique aims brings many groups back to Oakwood year after year.

What are the accommodation arrangements like?

We have 10 comfortable dormitories, which sleep up to 6 people in 3 sets of bunk beds. The rooms are arranged on two separate corridors of four rooms each with two separate rooms on the end of the block. Schools often have separate corridors for boys and girls, with teachers using the end rooms. To visualise this layout, please view our Dormitory plan. We have an additional building called The Range. This comprises of 2 ensuite bedrooms, each sleeping 4 people (2 single beds + 1 bunk bed in each room) and a small lounge area with sofas. We also offer Adventure Tents for larger groups visiting during the summer months, which have separate toilets and showers.

Do we need to bring bedding?

Sheets are provided on all the beds. We advise individuals to bring their own duvets/sleeping bag and pillows, but these can also be provided at a cost of £8 per person, per visit.

Are the bedrooms ensuite?

Yes, all of our rooms have modern ensuite bathrooms, including showers.

What is the food like?

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in our dining room and the food is chosen with health and nutrition in mind. We can also cater for children with dietary or religious needs if we are informed in advance.

What recreational facilities are available at Oakwood?

Whilst staying at Oakwood you will have the use of two table tennis tables, badminton, table football, a basketball net, a football cage and a football pitch.

Does the school have sole use of the grounds?

You will have sole use of the residential centre.

Is there anything else we should be aware of?

We ask that outdoor shoes are removed whilst inside the buildings. We therefore recommend that if you are staying at Oakwood you bring some house shoes or slippers with you.

What care is there during the night?

Teachers are located in nearby rooms to the children at night.

Will my child manage the outdoor activities?

All the staff at Oakwood are fully trained and take responsibility of the children who are in their care during activity sessions, and are used to catering for all levels of ability and confidence. Sessions will be run at a level that allows everyone to participate, challenge themselves and achieve.

Will children need additional pocket money?

At Oakwood all the children's needs are cared for. We do not have a shop at the centre, so there is no need for additional pocket money unless otherwise specified by the school.

What should my child not bring to Oakwood?

Anything valuable which would cause distress if broken or lost. For example, mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, tablets or favourite jewellery or clothes. In addition, no sweets or snacks are required.

Do we need to bring any equipment with us to do the activities?

All specialist equipment required for activities, such as harnesses and helmets, will be provided by us. However, we do ask that all participants bring their own waterproof jackets and trousers, walking shoes or trainers and enough clothing to ensure they will be warm. See Kit List for more information.

What about children with additional needs?

We aim to provide activity sessions and accommodation for children with additional needs. We are able to adapt sessions to include a variety of different needs. During activities, children with additional needs will be given extra care and attention.

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