

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Climbing & Camping Residential – Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2025

I am writing to share details of our upcoming overnight residential trip. This letter includes information regarding providers, cost, itinerary, kit, emergency contact.

This residential is always a lovely experience and we are lucky enough to have access to a large, but fully secure, camping site where the children will have the opportunity to explore the woodlands, fields and adventure equipment situated on site. We are joining with Kings Nympton our federated school for this residential.

The children will depart from Winkleigh Primary School at around 9.15am to take part in a climbing session at **Exeter's clip and climb**, before travelling to **Taw Bottom Girl Guide Campsite**. Once we have arrived there, the children will take part in forest school activities. These activities are designed to cover the PE national curriculum. We will also set up tents, before dinner. The children will stay in the tents overnight and continue a range of activities on the campsite on Friday. Detailed itinerary below.

We would encourage all children to attend this residential. We understand that they may be nervous as it is their first experience on an overnight trip with school but it is fantastic preparation for the excellent range of residential opportunities offered as they travel through Key Stage 2. We will spend lots of time discussing the trip in the lead up to it and making sure the children are ready and looking forward to a brilliant residential!

As such, the children attend for the duration of the residential, we cannot authorise any alternative arrangements. You will be contacted in emergency situations only, more details below.

Providers

Information regarding the campsite can be found here: <http://www.devonguides.org.uk/taw-bottom>

Information regarding clip and climb can be found here: <https://clipnclimb.co.uk/locations/>

Cost

The cost for this trip is £45.00. This includes three bus journeys, the climbing session, camping and food, representing excellent value for money. This visit has kindly been subsidised by Friends of Winkleigh School.

Payment and permission has been set up on the Gateway. Please log on and pay an initial (non-refundable) deposit of £15.00 by 28th February 2025. Details of payment instalments are shown below.

Non-refundable deposit: £15.00 due by 28th February 2025

Payment 1: £15.00 due by 31st March 2025

Payment 2: £15.00 due by 30th April 2025

Total: £45.00

Food

The children will need a packed lunch for Thursday. All other meals and snacks will be provided. The children should not bring snacks/sweets for the tent, to avoid attracting any unwanted campmates!

Itinerary

Thursday	Friday
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Arrive at school 8.45-9.00 in the hall. Please ensure that any prescription medicine is given to Mrs Rowcliffe.2. Store bags and depart via coach.3. Climbing and lunch at Clip n climb, Exeter.4. Set up tents and forest school activities at Taw Bottom.5. Dinner at the campsite	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Breakfast2. Forest school activities on the campsite3. Tidying tents4. Travel back to school5. Children (& their siblings) will be collected from school at 2pm on Friday - once all items have been reunited.

6. Campfire activities	
7. Camping & sleeping	

Kit list

The children should bring no more than 2 bags – one for the day (with packed lunch, drink and coat) and a larger one with their overnight things. The children may need to carry their bags the short distance from the road to the campsite so they should be able to manage all their luggage themselves!

We would also suggest that your children pack their bags with you so that they are able to locate what they need.

Please ensure that everything is labelled so that we can match children to their items. We will be unable to accept responsibility for lost, un-named items.

Essential items the children will need...	Non-essential items they make like to bring...	The children are not permitted to bring...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To come to school wearing a set of clothes for Thursday for climbing. Ideally they can wear these again on Friday with just a spare change of underwear/t-shirt. Possibly spare leggings/trousers if space to carry them. Again, ideally, long trousers and long sleeve t-shirt to avoid any unwanted insects! A jumper for the evening A thin, waterproof coat. A sleeping bag Trainers A small towel A packed lunch for Thursday (we will provide food/snacks for Thursday afternoon/ evening and Friday breakfast/lunchtime) A refillable water bottle Toothbrush/toothpaste Nightwear - can just be shorts/T-shirt to swap into or pyjamas - they can wear clothing already listed if they are cold. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insect repellent spray. A roll mat A <u>small</u> cuddly toy if absolutely necessary - this will be the children's responsibility to look after. Sunhat/sun cream (weather dependant) A book Warm hat or clothes if they feel the cold. Wellies – we will let you know neared the time depending on the weather and campsite conditions. Last year, wellies were not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phones/tablets/electronic devices Money Sweets/fizzy drinks/glass bottles Non-prescription medicine.

Prescription medicines

Prescription medicine must be handed to Mrs Rowcliffe, the children may not carry this themselves for safeguarding reasons. Please do not pack any medicine in the children's bags.

Emergency contact

We will do our best to keep you updated with what we're up to via Facebook - internet signal permitting.

Please ensure that school holds up to date contact details for you and let us know if they need updating.

Part of the experience is that the children are enjoying time away from electrical devices, however we do understand that there may be **exceptional emergency** circumstances where children need to be contacted. The procedure for this is outlined below.

- During the school day, the school telephone (01837 83354) is the main point of contact. School can then contact staff on the trip.
- Any non-emergency messages can be communicated through school either as an answer machine message or via the admin email address, out of hours.
- Should an emergency situation arise on the campsite, staff have the emergency school phone in order to contact Mrs Fenemore as appropriate. Staff will also hold contact details for parents and use these as needed.
- As you will appreciate, staff do share their personal phone numbers, in order to safeguard themselves.
- If all of the above fail, in a situation where it is imperative that parents collect their children, the what3words information and map is below. Staff will not be able to release children to anyone other than their parents for safeguarding reasons. We **do not** expect that parents will arrive at the campsite for any reason than an absolute emergency that requires immediate response, upon the failure of the above procedures. Children will be collected from school at 2pm on Friday.

In almost all situations, any messages that need to be passed to children will be done so through school as it will be open for the majority of the trip and only very few circumstances will require an immediate response.

Throughout the entire trip, staff remain in constant contact with school and Mrs Fenemore and there will always be a way to make contact if absolutely necessary.

Each member of staff knows the children well and will use their professional judgment in uncertain situations. Parents will only be contacted in an emergency and we do not anticipate many situations that require immediate contact with children.

We are looking forward to an excellent residential. This letter should contain all necessary information but please do contact admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk if you have any further queries or questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rowcliffe

Please find below the what 3 words reference for the Taw Bottom campsite:

- `///manager.defectors.blazed`
- The markers 1 and 2 show the campsite in relation to South Tawton (marker 24)

