

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

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"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Y6 Standon Bowers Residential Trip

We hope that your child is looking forward to their residential trip to Standon Bowers as much as we are. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the last minute details that children may need to know while packing and preparing.

- Children are welcome to bring up to £10 with them to purchase souvenirs from the on-site gift shop. This money should be in a named envelope and given to the teachers to be kept safe until needed. We cannot accept responsibility for any money that goes missing that isn't given to a teacher.
- Children will need to bring a pillowcase, bed under sheet, and duvet cover for their beds. Children will then be given the task of making their own beds when they arrive. Pillow inners and duvets are provided by the site. Alternatively, some children may prefer to bring a sleeping bag and pillowcase. **If your child is in receipt of FSM we can offer for the kitchen to provide a packed lunch, please ring the office by 2pm Tuesday 22nd September to place an order.**
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- Lunch for the first day should be packed into a backpack or disposable bag and brought with the children with their suitcase on Monday morning. Standon Bowers do not provide catering facilities for the Monday lunchtime. We recommend a regular packed lunch, such as sandwich, crisps, fruit, snack, and drink.
- Due to the outdoor and adventurous nature of the trip, please ensure you have checked the kit list (see attached form) for suggestions of how much clothing, and of what type, to bring. Standon Bowers are able to provide some waterproof outer layers, or boots, but children will probably feel more comfortable in their own clothing. Please do not feel obliged to go out and purchase wellies or expensive coats just for this occasion.
- Children are not permitted to bring phones, tablets, or other electrical devices. Any such device will be confiscated by a member of staff for the duration. Children will be able to use a school device for taking photographs of their trip, and we welcome children bringing a basic 'old school' camera to take their own pictures, but to remember not to do so in the bedrooms, dormitories, or to take pictures of other people who do not give consent.
- Please be at school for registration at 8.30am, in the Hall, so that we can check everyone has everything eg medicine has been handed over etc. The coach will arrive at 8.50am and we will be leaving shortly after, you are welcome to wave the children off.

Lastly, please remember that this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to show responsibility, co-operation, and teamwork, as well as individual resilience whilst taking part in something that is new and novel for many of them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wiggs and Miss Dean
Trip leaders