

All Saints' C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Residential Trip to Fairplay House: Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th February

So that everyone can begin preparing for the exciting residential trip to Fairplay House next month I have attached some important details which will help you with your planning. I've also included a link to the Fairplay House website which you and the children may like to have a look at. There are two very particularly useful sections you can read by using the 'About' drop down menu: 'A day at Fairplay House' written both from a parents' and a child's perspective

<https://www.fairplayhouse.org/>

A kit list has already been shared with you, along with a medical form. If you have not yet received the forms please let your class teacher know as soon as possible. Medical forms must be submitted immediately.

This year the children have been asked to provide their own bedding (a pillow and a sleeping bag or duvet with a cover and a sheet). Note: If the children do not have waterproof trousers or wellies, then Fairplay House has plenty that can be borrowed at no additional cost.

ADULTS attending the trip:

- Staff from All Saints' Primary School: Mrs L White, Mrs Lavender, Mr Cobb, Ms Johnson and Mrs Newman.
- There will be fully trained instructors onsite to support during the day and to lead the activities.

ACTIVITIES

- Children will be split into 4 groups for their daytime activities. Each group will be led by a member of staff from All Saints and by a Fairplay House Instructor.
- There will be a combination of on and off-site activities designed to build resilience, teamwork and independence and all are outdoor based. Transport to any off site activity is arranged by Fairplay House.
- There are 4 main activities that will be rotated across all 4 groups during the trip.

MEALS

- All dietary needs and allergens are catered for.
- Breakfast - cereal, toast and a hot option are on offer.
- Lunch - children will not need a lunch box as lunch is provided on all three days by Fairplay House. Children will pre-order their lunch from a selection of sandwiches. Fruit, crisps and cake will also be included.
- Dinner - Children will be offered meals such as spaghetti bolognese or fish and chips

Please ensure children have a named water bottle with them.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK (please note, this may be subject to change):

Time	Monday 10th Feb	Tuesday 11th Feb	Wednesday 12th Feb
8.00		Breakfast	Breakfast
8.45		Prepare for the day ahead	Prepare for the day ahead and pack ready to leave
9.00		Room inspections	
9.30		First activity	Final room inspections
10.00	Arrive at Fairplay House. Unpack and find out groupings and room allocation		Final activity
11.00	Introduction from Fairplay House staff		
12.00	Lunch in the dining hall - provided by Fairplay House	Packed Lunch - provided by Fairplay House	Packed Lunch - provided by Fairplay House
1.00	First activity		Home Time
2.00		Second activity	
4.30	Evening Meal		
5.45		Evening Meal	
6.45	Evening activity together run by Fairplay House instructors	Evening activity together run by All Saints staff	
8.00	Back to accommodation - chill out time before bed	Back to accommodation - chill out time before bed	

OTHER INFORMATION

- Accommodation is over 2 floors, with girls on one floor and boys on the other.
- There are shower cubicles with doors and toilets on both floors.
- Staff rooms are located on both floors.
- Children will be in rooms of between 4 and 10 children. Shortly children will be asked to name 3 friends they would like to be in a room with. Staff will do their best to make sure that room allocation means they will share with at least one of these friends.
- During the trip children will be in a "duty group" and will take turns with responsibilities such as laying tables and washing up.
- There will be prizes for the best, most tidy rooms!
- There will be no other schools visiting while All Saints' are there.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS (a letter with full directions, address, drop-off and pick-up timings will be sent under separate cover closer to the date):

As you know, in order to try and keep the cost of the trip as low as possible and as Fairplay House is located not far from Maldon in Wickham Bishops, we have avoided expensive coach hire by asking those of you who are able, to drop-off and collect children directly from the site (at the times specified). A brief overview of arrangements to help you plan ahead is below (there is also a link to a [google form](#) which should be completed as soon as possible):

Fairplay House, Station Road, Wickham Bishops CM8 3JL

Monday, 10th February: Prompt 10.00am arrival, parents & carers drop children off

All Saints' and Fairplay House staff will be there to greet children as they arrive. It will be a quick drop-off and go (parents are asked to leave the site as soon as possible as there is no on-site parking. Note: Children do not need to come into school first if they are being taken directly to the venue.

Medication: Please ensure all medication is in its original packaging and labelled with the child's name. It should be handed directly to Mrs Newman.

If you are not able to transport your child to the venue yourself or would prefer not to then arrangements will be made for those children to meet in school first.

Wednesday 12th February: Collection from Fairplay House to go home at 1pm

Please collect children from Fairplay House, they do not need to return to school for the rest of the afternoon.

If you are not able to collect your child or would prefer not to then arrangements will be made to return your child to school, they must then be collected at 3.15pm as normal.

Please complete the [google form](#) to indicate your preferred transport arrangements and if you are able to take other children. This will help us to plan the travel details for all the children to ensure that everyone can get there and back safely.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Have a look at the website: <https://www.fairplayhouse.org/>
- Start gathering items from the kit list, the children will need to carry their own bags so you might want to practise packing!
- Inform the office of your photo preferences if you have not yet done so - we would like to post photos on our facebook page so that you can see the adventures your children are having.
- Please complete and return the medical forms and complete the [google form](#) for travel arrangements.
- Let us know if your child will be celebrating their birthday while we are away - we would like to celebrate with them.
- In the days before the trip, children will complete tasks in school to prepare them for the trip.

Thank you all for your support. We are very much looking forward to this trip with our Year 5's. The staff at Fairplay House are extremely friendly, experienced and supportive and it has a very Child Centred feel about it. If you have any questions then please do ask one of the UKS2 team who will be happy to help.

NOTE: The outstanding balance of £165.00 for the trip to Fairplay House is overdue. You can make payment via our School GateWay App if you have not already done so.

Kind regards

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Mrs L White

On behalf of the UKS2 Team