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Y5 Residential Visit to Mount Cook: Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your child(ren) are getting excited about the upcoming residential! This letter is to confirm the details for our time away.

Please bring your child to school at the normal time on Wednesday 11th March. They should take their packed suitcase to the Don Hall between 8:30-8:45am where they will be met by a member of staff, signed in, any medication will be checked off, and they should then go around to their outside classroom door as normal. We will be setting off from school at approximately 11:30am, and eating lunch as soon as we arrive at Mount Cook so your child will need to bring a packed lunch. On our return from Mount Cook, the children will be brought back into school before the end of the school day. Please meet them at the **main Don entrance at 3.20pm** where they will collect their suitcase from the Don Hall.

Kit List

Please find below a recommended list of what to bring on the visit. **Please do not bring anything valuable.** Children should also not bring any food/drink other than their packed lunch for the first day including a refillable water bottle. We have a number of allergies in Year 5 and so it is important that no food is stored in bedrooms that staff are unaware of. Luggage should be packed in a small suitcase or sports bag that your child can easily handle themselves as they will have to carry/pull it to and from the coach. **Please make sure everything is named.**

What to bring

- A packed lunch for the first day
- A reusable water bottle
- Pyjamas
- Underwear, socks (bring some spares!)
- Leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- T-shirts / a long sleeve top (NB: long sleeves must be worn for some activities even if it's hot)
- Warm clothes – especially for evening activities
- Slippers or a pair of shoes only to be worn indoors
- Trainers/outdoor shoes (+2nd pair in case they get wet) – *wellies are fine for some activities but not all, so please ensure your child has at least one pair of outdoor trainers*
- A bin bag or plastic bags to put muddy/dirty clothes in
- Sunhat and sun cream (*if the weather looks like we might need it!*)
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (*optional - if the weather looks like we might need it!*)
- Washbag containing soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, etc (no spray deodorants please)
- Towel
- Book and/or small, quiet indoor game (nothing electronic please)
- Favourite cuddly toy to snuggle up with
- A watch/small clock (*optional and nothing expensive please: it is only so that they know what time it is when they wake up!*)





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Please note that any medicines must be clearly labelled and given to your child's class teacher on the day of departure or before.

Sleeping Arrangements

Children will be sleeping in single-sex rooms of 4-6 children. They have been asked in school for the names of 3 or 4 children they would like to be with and we have tried to allocate at least one of these children to their dorm. Children will find out dorm allocation upon arrival at Mount Cook. Bedding is provided by the centre. Staff bedrooms are situated along the corridors and we will be on hand to help any time of day (and night!)

Activities

Children will be placed into 5 groups for activities (roughly 10 per group). They will find out their activity groups upon arrival at Mount Cook. The children will all have the opportunity to take part in the same activities but in a different order across the 3 days. They will be encouraged to push themselves, but will not be forced to take part in anything they are not comfortable with.

Activities the children *may* take part in (*itinerary is subject to change and not within our control*)

- Manufacture and Bushcraft
- Dress the Viking
- Archaeological Dig
- High Ropes
- Rune reading
- Longboat building – dry land!
- The Theft of Thor's Hammer (Evening Activity)
- Campfire and Viking Saga (Evening Activity)

The staff, who will accompany the children throughout the three days, are Mr Butler, Ms Wade, Mrs Shelton, Mrs Ward, Mrs Crapper and Mrs Frost. We are really excited to be able to go away together and hope the children are too!

If you have any further concerns, questions or comments that you would like to make staff aware of ahead of the trip, a drop-in session will be held between 3.20pm and 3.45pm on Wednesday 4th March. This is an optional session if parents wish to speak to staff. No further new information will be shared at this meeting so please don't feel under pressure to attend! If this date is inconvenient, you can always reach us via Dojo!

Thanks, as always, for your support,
The Y5 team

