

Saint Francis



....where God's gifts begin their journey to gain, attain and grow into lifelong learners.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Youlbury Residential Trip 29th April – 1st May 2019

With the Year 5 Youlbury trip fast approaching, we wanted to take the time to confirm some more details of the trip with you.

Activity groups

There will be 5 activity groups, each headed up by a member of St Francis staff. These groups will be mix of girls and boys across the 2 classes. When compiling the groups, the adults have spent time considering the needs of all children and ensuring that everyone is supported correctly for their adventures away from home. The children will remain in these groups for the duration of the residential. However, they will have plenty of opportunities during meal times and breaks to mix with other children from other groups. Activity groups will be confirmed on the morning of departure.

Sleeping arrangements

The boys and girls will sleep in separate residential blocks. Each block will have 3 adults who are available around the clock, should the children need them. Each room has bunk beds and an ensuite bathroom. Your child has spent time this week requesting 2 friends they would like to share a room with. Although we cannot guarantee to meet all requests, we will work hard to ensure they have at least one friend in a room with them. Sleeping arrangements will be confirmed with the children on the morning of departure.

Kit list

A full kit list is available on the website under the Year 5 class page. Please be aware that children must bring their own bedding and will be required to make their own bed. It is crucial that ALL items are named, including toiletries and underwear. We suggest that children participate in packing their cases so that they are aware of what they have and where it is placed. Although it is not specified on the list, children may bring a teddy bear along. We do ask that electronic devices and sweets are not brought – they will be confiscated until our return to St Francis.

Morning of departure

Children should arrive at school as normal between 8.40 - 8.50am. Upon arrival, please make your way directly to the hall and place your luggage around the edge of the room. Children must be escorted by an adult and will need to go to their group leader and sign in. Parents will be asked to hand over any medication and pocket money (in a named envelope) and give consent for the administration of Piriton and Calpol. Please ensure that all medication is named. We ask that travel sickness tablets for the journey back are placed in a named envelope.

Should your child attend Funrise on the morning of departure, we will ensure that the process can take place with the staff there.

All children will need a packed lunch. This should be provided in disposable packaging. Children will also need a reusable drink bottle for the duration of the residential. The St Francis staff will be able to wash the bottle each evening and refill them for the child.

Meal times

Youlbury provide all meals from the Monday evening onwards. Morning breakfast will include a range of cooked and continental choices. The lunch menu will include a variety of sandwiches, crisps and fruit etc. During evening meals, children will receive a cooked meal. We have communicated all dietary requirements for the group and these will be catered for. The St Francis staff will ensure that all children are happy and well fed during their stay! In addition, we will be providing snacks during the daytime to keep them fuelled – these will also consider the dietary requirements of the children.

Communication about our time at Youlbury

We will ensure that parents receive at least one update each day about how the children are getting on. This will happen via the new Parent App. In addition to this, the children will be sharing their adventures with you during a parents' assembly. This will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Our return to St Francis

The coach is due to leave Youlbury at 2pm. Therefore, traffic dependant, we aim to be back at St Francis before the end of the school day. Please do not attempt to meet your child off the coach as pick up will be as normal from your child's classrooms.

Thank you very much for all your support and we very much look forward to having an incredible time away with your children.

Mrs Dunn-Christensen and Mr Dunsdon.

