

1st March 2024

East Barnby
Year 6 residential visit (current Y5)
21st-25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to let you know that we have secured a booking at East Barnby for our Y6 pupils next year. For many years now, we have taken our Y6 children to the East Barnby residential outdoor centre near Whitby. The visit is an excellent opportunity for staff and children to get to know each other really well and to develop a range of skills (particularly relating to teamwork) which then transfer to the classroom environment. Teachers often see a different side to some children on these visits, which again can be useful knowledge to have back at school.

We have used this centre for the past 20 years and have always had a superb week. East Barnby is a North Yorkshire Local Authority centre. Many of the staff are qualified teachers and are also highly qualified in their particular area of outdoor expertise.

Our aims in taking the children to East Barnby are several-fold:

1. To develop our children's self-reliance, confidence, self-esteem and personal organisational skills.
2. To engage the children in field studies to support our geography curriculum.
3. To engage the children in adventurous activities.
4. To foster a love of, and respect for, the natural world.
5. To achieve the John Muir Award

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCuIXPYPP4U>

We achieve the above by immersing the children in the life of an outdoor centre where they have to take responsibility for organising and tidying shared areas, helping with meal times and working co-operatively to achieve common goals. In addition to the basic needs of living together, the children will take part in a number of challenging activities which may include:



- Beck scrambling
- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Rock climbing
- Mountain biking

Having taken part in a number of these visits over the years, I can vouch for their worth and success. When reflecting on their time at Western, the majority of our children cite their time at East Barnby as their most memorable experience at primary school. In responding to the challenges of the week, children discover talents and qualities they never knew they possessed; new friendships are often forged and, for many, the visit can be a life-changing experience.

The total cost of the visit will be £470 per pupil, which covers transport, food, accommodation, equipment hire and instruction. Please note that this is a voluntary contribution. However, the trip could not go ahead if a significant number of parents were not able to contribute. One of the many effects of the pandemic on the school has been a big impact on our school budget. Therefore, the school will not be able to make up a shortfall in payments to the extent we normally would and, in the event of insufficient contributions being received, the trip will have to be cancelled. If any of our families would like to make an additional contribution to help out a family who may be struggling to make the full payment, it will be possible to do this on Arbor as well.

Please be aware that we don't want any child to miss out on this trip due to financial constraints. If you are likely to experience difficulty paying for this visit, please contact me at school or by emailing me (brookes@wes.rktl.co.uk) as soon as possible.

In order to secure a place for your child on this visit, we are asking parents to pay a non-refundable deposit of £170.00 no later than Friday 26th April 2023. Payment can be made on Arbor. Payment can be made in full or in smaller instalments.

The remaining balance of £300 may be paid from 1st May. This can be in one full payment or in installments over the intervening months. Full payment needs to be made by Friday 6th September 2024.

I will contact you again in the near future to provide more information about this visit but please feel free to contact me in the meantime should you require any further information.

Many thanks,

Suzanne Brooke
Y5/6 Phase Leader



