

School Camp Frequently Asked Questions

Information for Parents

We have put together this FAQ about our upcoming camp on Monday 22nd June 2026. Hopefully this answers any questions you may have, but if there is anything else you need to know, just ask the office or the classteacher.

Luggage & Arrival

- **Q: When should children bring their luggage?**

A: Children staying overnight should bring their luggage to school at the normal school start time on Monday. Bring it to the classroom and it will be stored away safely during the school day.

- **Q: What happens during the school day on Monday?**

A: Monday will run as a normal school day until the camp begins at 3:00pm.

- **Q: Where will luggage be kept overnight?**

A: All luggage will be stored securely in school overnight to reduce the chance of lost property. Children will get changed in school and then be able to take things they need for nighttime to their tent, but the rest of their belongings will stay in the school building.

Camp Timings & Structure

- **Q: When does the camp start and finish?**

A: Camp begins on Monday at 3:00pm and finishes at the normal school finishing time on Tuesday.

- **Q: What happens on Tuesday?**

A: Children will take part in a carousel of three different activities in groups.

- **Q: Can all children attend after-school?**

A: Yes, if children are not sleeping overnight, they can stay until 8:30pm on Monday to join the after-school session, along with overnight campers, if this is what you have signed up for with the office. If we don't have your payment and consent, then children will need to be collected at 3.20pm as normal.

- **Q: If my child is leaving at 8.30pm, where should I collect them?**

A: Collect from the back gate, by the bus. We will open the gate at 8.30pm. Parents are not to enter the school site at this time – we will bring the children out.

- **Q: If my child is leaving at 8.30pm, what time should they return to school on Tuesday morning?**

A: Children who are not staying overnight should come into school at normal time. Breakfast will NOT be provided for them as this will take place much earlier so please make sure they have their normal breakfast at home.

Sleeping Arrangements

- **Q: Where will children sleep?**

A: Children will sleep in large tents, in groups of approximately 8–12 children.

- **Q: Can children choose who they sleep with?**

A: Yes, children can express their preferences, and we will ensure they are with at least one friend. The tents will only have boys OR girls in, not both. Staff will have their own tents.

- **Q: What bedding should children bring?**

A: Children should bring a warm sleeping bag, pillow, optional extra blanket. A sleeping mat will be provided.

- **Q: Can children bring a duvet?**

A: Yes, but it should ideally be packed in a suitable bag such as a bin bag. If bringing a duvet, children should also remember to bring something to sleep on, such as a sheet or blanket.

Clothing & Kit List

- **Q: What should children wear?**

A: All children can wear mufti on both days. Please ensure clothing is suitable for the weather, can get muddy, and includes warm layers. They should wear appropriate footwear, such as old trainers.

- **Q: What essential items should children bring?**

A: Sleeping bag, pillow, pyjamas/onesie/tracksuit to sleep in, wash kit, towel, torch with batteries, water bottle, change of clothes, and an optional teddy.

Electronics

- **Q: Can children bring phones or devices?**

A: No, mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted.

Food & Drink

- **Q: What meals are provided?**

A: Monday lunch is a normal school lunchtime. An evening meal is provided on Monday for overnight campers and those staying for the evening (children have preordered this and it is included in the price), and breakfast is provided Tuesday for overnight campers.

- **Q: What happens if my child doesn't like the options for Monday's evening meal?**

A: Eating the camp food is part of the experience. If children do not like the food they have chosen, we will have other simple food available and will make sure your child does not go hungry. As a last resort children may bring in a packed tea. They will NOT be able to go home for tea and come back.

- **Q: What about Tuesday lunch?**

A: Children can bring a packed lunch or order a school lunch. Overnight campers can bring their Tuesday packed lunch in on Monday, and we can store it in the fridge, or parents can bring it in on Tuesday morning. Make sure you have spoken to your child about what they are doing for Tuesday lunch so that they don't order a school lunch when you are planning to bring one in.

- **Q: Can children bring snacks?**

A: No additional food is allowed for the camp, other than the packed lunches already mentioned. We are not allowed to have food in the tents.

- **Q: What should children bring to drink?**

A: All children must bring a water bottle.

Safety, Behaviour & Supervision

- **Q: Who will run the activities?**

A: Activities are risk assessed and led by qualified instructors. All camp staff are DBS checked.

- **Q: Who will supervise the children overnight?**

A: There will be camp staff and school staff staying in their own tents on site at night. Mr Ferris will also be on call during the night.

- **Q: What behaviour is expected?**

A: Children must follow instructions at all times. Parents will be contacted if behaviour poses a safety risk.

Toilets & Night Routine

- **Q: Will children have access to toilets?**

A: Yes, there will be 24-hour access to toilets in school.

- **Q: What if there is a nighttime toilet accident?**

A: Staff will handle this discreetly and camp staff will ensure sleep mats etc are cleaned appropriately afterwards if necessary.

Wellbeing & Homesickness

- **Q: What if my child feels homesick?**

A: Staff will support children. Parents will only be contacted as a last resort.

- **Q: What contact details should I provide?**

A: Please provide more than one contact number if possible, so that we can definitely get in touch in an emergency.

Parent Guidance

- **Q: Can parents stay nearby?**

A: Parents should not remain near the school site (please do not stay near the fence for example) as it can upset children and create safeguarding concerns.

Medical & Dietary Information

- **Q: What should the school be informed about?**

A: Any medical conditions, required medication, and dietary requirements must be shared with the school office.

Weather & Outdoor Activities

- **Q: Will activities run in bad weather?**

A: Yes, activities will take place unless conditions are extremely severe, so children must be prepared for all weather – wet or sunny.