



Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our commitment to providing a well-rounded education for your child, we are writing to inform you about an exciting aspect of our Key Stage 2 curriculum - our three residential trips. These take place in phase 2: Year 4 (School Camp: one night), Year 5 (Malham: one night), Year 6 (Herd Farm: two nights).

At Alwoodley Primary School, we believe that hands-on experiences play a crucial role in a child's development. Residential trips provide a unique opportunity for our pupils to broaden their horizons, build resilience, foster independence, and develop important life skills outside the classroom environment. These trips are carefully designed to align with the National Curriculum and enrich the learning experiences of our pupils.

Here are the reasons why we include three residential trips during Key Stage 2:

1. Broadening Horizons:

The residential trips expose our students to diverse environments, cultures, and experiences, allowing them to develop a wider perspective. By visiting different locations, our pupils can witness first-hand the wonders of the world around them.

2. Personal Development:

Residential trips provide an ideal setting for personal growth. Pupils have the opportunity to challenge themselves, step out of their comfort zones, and build their self-confidence and resilience.

3. Curriculum Enhancement:

The trips are carefully planned to complement and extend classroom learning. They offer students the chance to explore topics in a practical and engaging way, connecting theoretical concepts with real-world applications. The experiences gained during these trips often leave a lasting impact on children's understanding and knowledge.

4. Social Interaction:

The residential trips encourage positive social interaction and the development of strong peer relationships. By spending quality time together outside of the school environment, children have the opportunity to strengthen their friendships, build trust, and learn to work collaboratively with their classmates.

5. Fun and Memorable Experiences:

We believe that learning should be enjoyable and memorable. The residential trips provide our students with unforgettable experiences that create lasting memories. They return to school with stories to share, a sense of achievement, and a renewed enthusiasm for learning.

We understand that a residential trip may require additional financial resources. Therefore, we want to assure you that we take the responsibility of organising these trips seriously. We strive to keep the costs as reasonable as possible, explore fundraising opportunities, and work with families

to ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate. Our staff accompany the students on these trips, ensuring their safety, well-being, and educational development throughout.

We are confident that the inclusion of these residential trips in Key Stage 2 will greatly benefit your child's educational journey. The experiences gained during these trips will enhance their personal growth, expand their knowledge, and nurture important life skills that will serve them well in the future.

We will provide detailed information about each residential trip, including dates, itineraries, costs, and any necessary paperwork, well in advance.

Aside from residential, we do like to take pupils on other visits and bring experiences into school. We are currently reviewing these and correspondence will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely
Alwoodley Primary School