



2025

Year 6 Residential Trip to



Osmington Bay



Why do we run the Year 6 residential?



The Grove has successfully organised residential visits for numerous years which have been highly rewarding for the students.

We plan with, amongst others, these objectives in mind:

- To help build teamwork skills;
- To develop pupils' determination and confidence through the introduction and development of new skills;
- To ensure that all children feel like they have achieved in an environment that is not purely academic;
- To encourage pupils to become independent.

Staffing



Typically 5 or 6 members of The Grove staff accompany the children depending on pupil uptake.

Each adult is responsible for one group whilst on the residential.

Each adult is the group's First Aider and is responsible for administering any daily medication.

Additionally, PGL provide experienced staff to run each activity whilst at Osmington Bay.

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The Grove has a responsibility of care for all children.

Wiltshire County Guidelines state that there should be at least a **1:10 staff, child ratio**.

Although PGL staff are experienced, well trained and sensitive to the children, we **cannot** include them in this ratio.

Dependent on individual needs within the cohort, extra staff may be required.

- These ratios are for pastoral support purposes and do not include activity technical instructors.
- Where group leaders are also acting as technical instructors the numbers of adults needed should be reviewed.

Wiltshire County Council
guidelines

Timings



Monday 10th November

8.30- 8.45 am

Arrive at school

9.15- 9.30 am

Coach pick up, departure

12.00- 2:30 pm (approx.)

The Tank Museum, Bovington

3.30 pm (approx.)

Arrive at Osmington Bay

Friday 14th November

2.00 pm (approx.)

Depart Osmington Bay

3.30/4:00pm

Arrive back at school

We will inform you of any changes
to timings if they happen.

Where?

Details found on the PGL website:
<https://www.pgl.co.uk>

The centre is located next to the seaside - part of the Jurassic coast. PGL has direct access to the beach and offers numerous walks and activities around the surrounding areas.





Osmington Bay, Weymouth

Accommodation

Accommodation units

- Bunk bedded rooms sleeping 4
- All rooms en suite



Bed time:

Children will be shattered by the end of the day and will probably sleep very well indeed. There have been occasions when children have felt homesick, have needed nightlights, and have had other night time issues. If you are thinking it, then we have probably dealt with it before.

At school, **children will be asked to choose friends from both Hazel & Walnut classes** who they wish to share a room with. We will endeavor to ensure that they are with at least one of them. These will not be their activity groups as it is important that they mix with other children as well.



The Grove staff are all experienced at residential visits and we will look after your children for you. If there is a good reason to contact you, be assured that we will, otherwise you will not hear from us except for updates via the school website, Facebook or parent mail.

Catering facilities

The variety of food is amazing with several main dishes catering for all needs each meal time. There is unlimited access to the massive salad and fruit bar and the bread basket - children can help themselves. We all sit together for breakfast, lunch and dinner – no soggy sandwiches at lunchtime! Yippee! Children should not go hungry and they can refill their drinks bottles throughout the day.



Allergies, intolerances and other dietary requirements:

A vegetarian alternative can always be provided, and OSB try hard to accommodate special diets required on medical or religious grounds, provided we let them know in advance – please inform me.

In September, we will hand out medical questionnaires - please speak to me about any dietary concerns prior to this so I can start a dialogue with PGL.



The Shop



The on-site shop sells the usual sweets, fizzy drinks etc. as well as PGL souvenirs.

We should have two allotted times to visit the shop during our stay.

Children should bring **no more than £10** for the week.

The children will be responsible for their own money – please label zip purses. Thank you.

Activities:



Although we will strongly encourage children to undertake as many activities as possible, we will not force them to do anything they really do not want to.

Children may find that putting the harness on is a massive step for them. Others may find that getting to the top of the tower, if not abseiling down, is enough.

I can assure you that the PGL staff are experienced at encouraging the children to make those small steps that often lead to greater things.

Nevertheless, there will be a range of activities throughout the week that will offer something for everyone, whatever the adrenaline needs may be.

As yet, we do not know our activities for this Year.



Abseiling

Aeroball

Archery

Fencing

Giant Swing

Indoor Climbing

Jacob's Ladder

Low Ropes

Orienteering

Quad Biking

Street Surfing

Trapeze

Tunnel Trail

Zip Wire

**Some of the
possible Activities:**



Our days will be very long.....



Wake-up call: 7:00 am

Breakfast: between 7.40 and 8.20 am.

Morning activities: 9.00 – 12.10

Lunch: 12.30 ish

Afternoon activities: 2.00 – 5.10

Dinner: 5.30 onwards

Evening activities between 7 and 9.

Retire to chalets and get ready for bed, totally worn out.

Have a good night's sleep and wake refreshed!



There will be some down time during the evening but much time will be taken up with showering and preparing for meals and the next activities. There is no need to worry about taking games or other pastimes other than a good book or magazine.

Kit List



- **Waterproof jacket**
 - **Waterproof trousers**
 - Hat and gloves
 - 2 or more fleeces/jumpers
 - 3 or more pairs of old trousers but not jeans
 - Several T-Shirts
 - Long sleeve top (Must be worn for aeroball)
 - 2 or more pairs of practical shoes/trainers/walking boots
 - Several changes of underwear
 - Plenty of pairs of socks
 - Long socks (Must be worn for certain activities)
 - Nightwear
 - Disco outfit
 - Wash bag and at least 2 towels **(No aerosol deodorants)**
 - Sun hat and sun block
 - Lip balm **(essential)**
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- Labelled plastic bags/bin liners for wet clothing
 - Small rucksack for day use
 - Plastic water bottle for drinks

**Everything
must be
labelled.
Thank you.**

All details will be on
The Grove School
website!



**Some years we have been
VERY cold!**

**Please be prepared as we are out in
all types of weather. There has been
snow as well as sunshine in
previous years.**



Waterproof
trousers are
ESSENTIAL,
everyday kit.



**Spot the
shoes that
were not
adequate.**

So... be prepared! It is much better to pack plenty of warm clothes rather than fashionable clothes.



**No puffer jackets
– NIGHTMARE to
dry.**

It may also be useful to consider bringing:



Petroleum Jelly
– chaffing is very uncomfortable.



Neck Tube

Cheap Sunglasses
– not Dad's best Ray Bans.





Essential Information



Disposable cameras or digital cameras are allowed but are the responsibility of the child.

EVERYTHING must be labelled with your child's first and surname.

One suitcase or holdall for clothing only

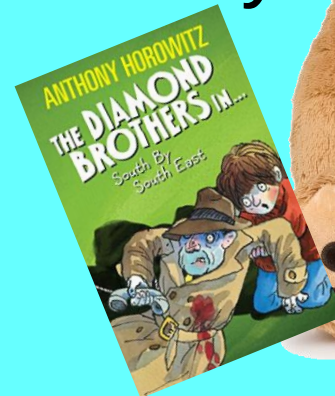


One small rucksack for daily use / hand luggage.

Extra Information



- **Snacks** – As we will be having a break, between activities, pack some snacks e.g.: cereal bars.
- **Water bottles** – labelled.
- Bring a book.
- You may want to bring a teddy!
- Black bin liners



If you wake early, a book to read is essential so as not to disturb others who are asleep.



Safety and Security

- No hair straighteners
- **No Mobile phones** or electronic games
- Avoid bringing valuable items – your designer top for the disco.
- No jewellery other than small stud earrings.



We are all excited about our residential and we expect our children to maintain our high standards of behaviour while offsite too.





Medical & information forms will be sent out in September.

It is really important that we have all the relevant information about your child:

- Medical,
- Night time,
- Dietary,
- Other.... If not sure, put it on the form anyway. Thank you.

When they are sent out in September, medical forms should be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Medicines



- Medicines will be collected on the morning of departure.
- They should be labelled with the Child's name and instructions.
- The school will take a supply of Calpol and Paracetamol.
- Inhalers- please bring two; labelled (we can take the one at school).
- If there is any change to your child's medical condition after submission of the medical form and our departure, you must let us know.



Travel Sickness?

If your child is sometimes travel sick, please assume they will be.



3:30 – 4:00 pm

Arrive back at school

With lots of memories, feeling tired as well as lots of washing.....