

Misson Primary School

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3rd March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 4/5 Residential Visit - St. Michaels' Environmental Educational Centre, Hathersage

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th May 2025

As you are no doubt all aware, our Y4/5 Residential is not too far away. This year, we have the opportunity to visit St. Michaels' Environmental Education Centre in Hathersage.

This trip is an extremely valuable life experience. The children will thoroughly enjoy their time and come away with memories that will stay with them forever. The children learn a tremendous amount about themselves; they will develop confidence, determination, self-esteem, trust and collaborative skills. For some, it will be the first time away from home without other family members. Year 4 and 5 is an ideal time for this type of school visit as the children are supported by friends and staff that they have known for some time.

The site and accommodation

St Michael's Environmental Education Centre is based in the centre of Hathersage, at the heart of the Peak District and caters for children of primary school age. Hathersage lies on the River Derwent and a network of footpaths radiating from the village make the surrounding landscape of wood, moorland, streams and rivers easily accessible. Hathersage is an ideal location, not too far away from Doncaster, but far enough to feel, 'away from home'.

The trip will run for three days with two nights sleeping in indoor accommodation in dormitories on location at St Michael's. The children sleep in bunk-beds, with bedding provided. The boys and girls will have separate dormitories, with adjacent rooms for adults. There are also separate bathrooms, with toilets, sinks and showers.

All meals will be prepared, cooked and eaten together, in a dining room within the accommodation.

Activities

The children are encouraged to have a go at all activities but are never forced to participate in something with which they are not comfortable.

The children will be engaging in some fantastic indoor and outdoor activities, which support the Geography, English, Numeracy, Art, History, D+T, PE and Science curriculum. Activities include orienteering, a stream study and some local walks (including the study of local history and wildlife) plus artwork and den building using natural resources and materials.

Equipment

All bedding is provided by St Michael's, but children will be responsible for making up their beds when we arrive at the centre and taking bedding off at the end of our stay.

A full kit list will be issued to you a little bit nearer the visit. Most equipment required can be borrowed from the Centre (such as walking boots, wellies, waterproofs, rucksacks, etc.) so do not worry about having to go out and buy them!

Travel

To keep costs down, we have arranged travel by train, this year from **DONCASTER** to Hathersage Station, leaving from Doncaster station on the 09.18 train, arriving at Hathersage at 10.32 where the train station is just a 5-minute walk from St Michaels Centre. We will return to Doncaster Station on Friday afternoon, arriving back at 15.22.

Food

We are going **SELF-CATERING** this year, so food will be provided, prepped and cooked by our staff and the children themselves, A 'packed-lunch' style meal is provided (again organised by our staff/children themselves) at lunchtime, except for on the first day (when the children need to bring their own packed lunch).

Costing

Utilising Doncaster Station as opposed to Retford and going Self-Catering significantly reduces the cost of the visit. Therefore, the overall cost will be £110.00 to include transport, accommodation, food and all activities. Please can all parents pay through ParentPay or speak to Mrs Mitchell if you require a barcode letter for PayPoint. There is the option of paying for the trip in one whole payment or in instalments through to July 2025, whichever suites your circumstances. Parental consent can also be given through ParentPay.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Roberts.

Mr. A.J. Roberts (Residential Lead)