

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF Y4 CHILDREN ATTENDING
STIBBINGTON CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

Wednesday 25 April – Friday 27 April 2018

Party Leader: Miss Bowman supported by Mr McCullough

Centre Address: Stibbington Centre
Church Lane
Stibbington
Peterborough
PE8 6LP

Tel: 01780 782386

Stibbington Centre requests that parents only telephone the centre in extreme emergencies. Where possible, please contact the school in the first instance.

Travel arrangements

- The children will be transported by W H Fowler Coaches.
- The children will leave school at 9.10 am on Wednesday 25 April and arrive at Stibbington Centre around 9.40 am. Please arrive at 8.40 am and park suitcases under Y4 window. They will return to school on Friday 27 April at approximately 3.15pm.

The purpose of the visit

1. To enrich the curriculum topic of *Location, Location, Location* (which draws heavily on the national curriculum for science and geography) by studying first hand different natural habitats
2. To appreciate and experience practical ways to save energy and to recycle waste
3. To develop personal and social skills including independence, responsibility and self-organisation

The Centre

Stibbington Centre has achieved the major national “Eco-Centre” Award in recognition of its introduction of an Eco-Code, designed to reduce the Centre’s impact on the local and global environment. Nationally acknowledged Healthy Centre and Growing Centre projects are also in place. All residential visitors to the Centre have an opportunity to learn and benefit from these initiatives, which include for example: solar and wind power technologies; waste recycling and composting; wildlife conservation, healthy eating menus, local, sustainably sourced foods, vegetable growing plots and much more. An Eco Pledge made at the end of their stay encourages children to remember what they have learned.

Accommodation

- The Residential Centre includes a classroom, lounge and dining room with kitchens, plus a bedroom wing with 12 separate bedrooms for up to four.

There are also cloakrooms, toilets and showers. The centre's grounds include a wildlife garden, rock and fossil collections, imaginatively designed play facilities and even a giant!

- The children will be invited to nominate a friend with whom they would like to share a bedroom. Where possible, requests will be met. Alternatively children will be in the same activity groups as nominated friend. Groups and dorms will be announced on arrival.
- Good quality, wholesome foods are prepared at the centre, using, where possible, local fresh, sustainably sourced foods.
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meals are provided.

Activities

- The daytime activity sessions are led by the Stibbington Centre staff.
- The evening meal and evening entertainments are led and supervised by the accompanying Langtoft Primary School staff.

What do pupils need to bring with them?

- Children DO NOT need to provide a packed lunch on Day 1 as Stibbington Centre will provide one.
- Please see attached sheet for details as recommended by Stibbington Centre.
- NB children need to bring their own sleeping bag/duvet and pillow case
- Mobiles 'phones are not permitted or any other electronic device (such as tablets) that allow contact with home. These items will be 'looked after' if found during the visit.
- Electronic game gear and other items of entertainment are sent 'at owner's risk'.
- Pocket money is limited to £5.00. Please bring in a named money bag/wallet made up of lots of change – not a £5 note or £2 and £1 coins as we soon run out of change!

Medicines

- List medicines to be taken during visit on the *Information for Residential Visit* sheet. Please return sheet to the school office by Monday 16 April 2018.
- All medicines must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage, and stored in a suitable container.
- Children will need to hand their medication to **Miss Bowman on the morning of Wednesday 25 April.**

Risk Assessment

- We will undertake our own risk assessment, which will be approved by Lincolnshire County Council. Stibbington Centre has also provided full details of their own risk assessment. The outcome of the risk assessment is likely to be defined as medium risk.