



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 Residential to St Briavels Castle 20th – 24th October 2025

This year's residential is fast approaching and we're all getting very excited! The staff accompanying the children will be Mrs Knight and Mrs Pickering

We will leave school on Monday 20th October at 11am, the children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform (clothes that they can do activities in). They will need a packed lunch and drink in a plastic bag (no glass bottles please) for that day. We will return to school on Friday 24th October at approximately **2 - 2.30pm**, depending on the traffic. If there is any change to this, a text will be sent out to parents. Please can you let the office know if you will not be able to collect your child at that time.

Luggage - 1 suitcase or holdall (named) and a small rucksack. I have included a kit list on the next page. Old clothes are the best and please no jeans – several pairs of trainers would be great. Long sleeved tops/jumpers are important too as they are required for some activities. Please can you provide your child with a couple of labelled black bin liners for their dirty clothes. The school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to any personal items so **please ensure items are labelled.**

Medicine - if your child needs medication please ensure it is in a named bag and given to Mrs Pickering with dosage instructions before the group departs on Monday. If your child is asthmatic please ensure they have a named inhaler with them at all times, a spare can be given to Mrs Pickering, if you so wish.

Pocket money – This needs to be given to Mrs Knight on Monday morning. £10.00 per child (optional) to be in a named purse/wallet or envelope (coins only please); pocket money will be kept with a staff member and given to the children, if and when needed.

Electrical devices including mobile phones and cameras – not permitted. Staff will take plenty of photographs and, if possible, keep the St Martin's Blog feed up to date. If there are any issue with uploading, once we have returned home, I shall upload all the pictures that we take.

Mrs Knight/ the school will send messages to keep you up to date with the group's activities. The school office will be the first port of call, who can contact the group in an emergency. Thank you for returning the medicine/emergency contact sheet. If between now and the trip any of the details provided change please let me know.

We will be having a meeting to answer any questions and run through more details on **Friday 3rd October at 3.30pm** in the hall. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me or drop me an email through admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Knight (Year 6 teacher)

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Please double this list for the 5 days we're going

Example Kit List (2 night / 3 day visit)

We want you to be comfortable and happy throughout your time on the trip so therefore it's important you pack the right clothing and equipment. Your visit will involve a lot of time outdoors whatever the weather, so there is a possibility of your clothes getting wet and muddy. This list will be more than adequate to suit a 3 day visit so please adjust the contents to suit longer or shorter visits.

General Clothing

- 2-3 pairs of walking/thick socks
- 2-3 long sleeved fleeces or sweaters
- 2-3 warm shirts, T-shirts or thermal tops
- 2 pairs of trainers, 1 for normal use and 1 old pair for outdoor activities
- 2-3 pairs of trousers, tracksuit bottoms are ideal. (Jeans are not suitable for activities)
- Gloves or mitts, hat and scarf
- 1 warm coat (fleece jacket is ideal)



If you have these, please bring them with you:

- Waterproof jacket
- Water proof trousers with taped seams
- Wellies
- Walking boots



Clothes for evenings

A set of clothes for social activities in the evening



Other essentials

- Water bottle (1 litre if possible)
- Lunch box
- Several changes of underwear
- Socks (not for activities)
- A good sized towel
- Wash kit
- Tissues
- Pyjamas or night clothes
- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Rucksack



Other useful items

- Torch
- Lip balm
- Bring old/cheap clothing
- Lots of thin layers are better than one thick layer
- A hat is important!



Top tips

- Take a look at the weather forecast before you leave home/school
- Plastic bags (no holes!) will be useful to put wet clothes in and to line your rucksack if it rains

