



PORTWAY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Avon Tyrrell

Parent Information Evening 2026

The slides will be uploaded to our website in the coming days

POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT

Why do we take children on residential?

- To build confidence and develop self-esteem
- To build teamwork and leadership skills
- To try adventurous activities and develop resilience and perseverance
- To become more independent and secondary ready
- To have fun away from school, and stay away with friends
- Preparation for trips/opportunities in the future
- To celebrate the final year of Primary School!



UKY | **AVON
TYRRELL**

UK YOUTH Outdoor Learning Centre



New Forest National Park

Leaders in Outdoor Learning

Staffing

Mr Gunner (trip leader)

Mr Crocker

Miss Hooper

Mrs Pay (first aider)

Miss Storrier

Mrs Fettes (school governor)

Mrs Fettes

Mr Smith

Miss Mills

Mrs Adams

Packing

- Pack everything into one bag or suitcase (your child must be able to carry this up multiple flights of stairs)
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!**

Some suggestions...

- Pack with your child so that they know everything they will be taking - tick off the items on the kit list as you pack
- Pack this list so that the children can tick off the items back into their case on the Friday



Items	Taken with me	Brought back
A suitable outdoor coat (waterproof and warm), and ideally, waterproof trousers		
Outdoor footwear – walking boots or sturdy trainers (Possibly a spare pair as well. Brand new trainers are not suitable for the trip as shoes are very likely to get wet and muddy. Wellies are also not suitable for many of the activities)		
Warm jumpers – fleeces are best as they are light weight and warm		
Short and long-sleeved tops – enough for a week (thermals are good for keeping warm)		
At least 2 pairs of comfortable trousers (ideally not jeans)		
Slippers or designated indoor shoes for indoor wearing (the house has old wooden flooring and the centre do not allow outdoor shoes to be worn inside)		
Sleepwear		
Underwear– including at least 1 pair of socks per day plus a couple of spares		
Woolly hat, gloves and scarf		
Toiletries – including towels, soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, hair brush, shower gel/shampoo, lip balm/Vaseline (no aerosols)		
Bin liner to store dirty clothes in throughout the week		
Rucksack – including a water bottle and torch		
Reading book, card games, drawing pad for use in down time		

Please Don't Send...

- Mobile phones (including smart watches)
- Electronics (including hair dryers/straighteners)
- Cameras
- Any food or drink (including sweets) unless discussed and agreed with Mr Gunner before the trip
- Money



Day One

- Come to school at normal time
- Bring cases into the school hall
- Hand medication to Mrs Pay (at a table in the hall)
- Say goodbye and the children will then go to their classrooms
- The coaches will not be leaving till later in the morning so please don't wait to wave us off
- The children will find out their activity groups during our team building while we wait for the coaches to arrive and they will find out their rooms when we get to Avon Tyrrell

While we're away...

- Photos will be posted on the school website
- We cannot guarantee there will be a photo of every child every time, or that there will be photos uploaded every day

This is due to a number of reasons:

- our focus is on everyone having a good time and being safe so remembering who we have and haven't got a photo of with 80 children is hard!
- the wifi is very poor - not all photos will upload at the same time
- some families have not given photo permission
- some children don't like their photo taken

Activity Groups

- The children will be in activity groups of 9 or 10
- The Year 6 team have organised these groups with the children being mixed up from their friends to encourage team building with those they wouldn't normally work with. This also ensures that children get time away from their friends they are sharing a room with
- All of the adventurous activities are led by fully trained instructors
- We will ensure the children shower at the end of every day



Accomodation

- The rooms sleep between 2 to 12 children
- Boys and girls are separated across two floors
- We will ask the children to write down the names of 3 friends who they would like to share a room with. The Year 6 team will ensure that every child shares a room with at least 1 of those friends
- The children will be shown to their rooms by the Avon Tyrrell staff when we arrive. This is when they will find out who they're sharing a room with



Activities

- High ropes
- Bottle rockets
- Bushcraft
- Adventure trail
- Pedalo

- Tree top trail
- Low ropes
- Canoeing
- Archery
- Shelter building

Evening Activities

- Night walk
- Campfire
- Globe hunt
- Sensory trail

We hope that every child will challenge themselves by having a go at everything, but no child will be forced to complete an activity if they feel uncomfortable

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner contain multiple options to choose from (including both hot and cold food)
- The Avon Tyrrell kitchen staff are very experienced in catering for children with food allergies and fussy eaters - there is always something for everyone
- Children must bring a water bottle and drinking water is clearly labelled throughout the accommodation
- Fruit is always available during meal times and can be eaten as a snack if needed

Emergency Contact

- No news is good news - if you haven't heard from us, your child is fine and having a great time
- In an EMERGENCY contact the school office via **01264 352060** who will contact us directly
- In an EMERGENCY out of school hours contact us via **01264 577069**

Medicines

- Thank you to everyone who completed the Confidential Medical Questionnaire (*this should have been completed by today!*)
- Bring all medication into school on Monday 23 November and hand it to Mrs Pay at the table in the hall when you drop off your child
- Complete the administering medication form (spares will be available on the day if needed) and hand this in with your child's medication
- Clearly label all medication
- If you wish for us to take any medication stored at school, this needs signing out by parents on the Monday and then signing back into school on the Friday
- We will contact you should your child become ill or injured. ***Remember, no news is good news***



Returning to School

- We have two activities on the Friday morning (as well as packing!)
- We will have lunch and leave Avon Tyrrell around 13:30 so should be back at school by 15:00 - we will email should our ETA be later than the end of the school day
- You **MUST** collect your child at the end of the school day on Friday - they will be tired and ready to go home
- The coach will drop the children off at Upper Drove. We will line the cases along the path and the children will walk to the hall
- When we are ready, we will invite you into the hall to collect your child, then collect any medication and finally collect bags before heading home



Thank you

**If you have any questions, we will be
around for a while**



POSITIVITY RESILIENCE INTEGRITY DEDICATION ENCOURAGEMENT

