



Bridge & Patricxbourne Residential

Bore Place is the home of Commonwork Trust (registered charity 1160725 & company 09254227) & Commonwork Organic Farms Ltd (registered company 1977080)

Bore place



This trip is an authentic ‘farmstay’ experience for your child. Your child will be staying at Bore Place, which has a 500 acre working organic dairy farm.



Bore Place is in Kent, situated between Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Edenbridge.

Bore Place has over 30 years’ experience delivering day and overnight visits for school children.

What will
they
be doing?



Learning on the farm

A fun, jam-packed programme with a focus on outdoor learning.

Activities are designed to allow children to connect with each other and their environment.

Bore Place's aim is for children to learn, grow and be inspired through their experiences.





Credit: Alex Rosk Photography



accommodation

“The engagement with the children was lovely they were totally engrossed, it was pitched just right. Your ability to cater to our medical/allergic needs was outstanding. Even in the pouring rain the children were interested and not once did they notice just how soaked they were getting.”

Sevenoaks Prep, May 2018



Indoor camping

All the fun of snuggling into a sleeping bag without the worry of cold or wet weather!

Exclusive overnight use of the building with large sleeping dorms for boys and girls.

Separate washing and toilet facilities for boys, girls and adults.

Teachers and accompanying adults sleep in an adjoining room.

Shower facilities are available in The Old Stable, which also is for Bridge and Patrixbourne's exclusive use.



The old stable

The Old Stable block has a few allocated bedrooms for use for children who can not sleep on the floor for medical reasons. Please speak to a member of the Year 5 staff.

You will receive a packing list for your child.



itinerary

“The activities were pitched appropriately for the children. The children were able to provide very positive feedback to parents. Booking, confirmation and pre-visit documentation was very thorough and helpful.”

Audley Primary, June 2018



Day 1

Tues 28th April 2020

Time	Activity	
11:00	Arrive and intro, make bed and settle in	Arrive and intro, make bed and settle in
11:45	Farm tour	Harvesting ingredients in the garden for later
12:30	Packed lunch (brought from school)	Packed lunch (brought from school)
13:00	Mud Faces	Natural Dye Craft
14:30	Afternoon snack	Afternoon snack
15:00	Harvesting ingredients in the garden and making pizzas to eat for dinner	Making pizzas followed by farm tour
16:30	Free time	Free time
18:00	Lay the table and have dinner	Lay the table and have dinner
19:00	Wash up and lay the table for breakfast	Wash up and lay the table for breakfast
19:30	Campfire and setting traps for small mammals and moths	Setting traps for small mammals and moths and campfire
20:30	Bedtime...lights out, time to sleep!	Bedtime...lights out, time to sleep!

Day 2

Wed 29th April 2020

Time	Activity	
08:00	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00	Small Mammals and Moth Traps	Small Mammal and Moth Traps
10:30	Snack break	Snack break
11:00	Natural Dye Craft	All About Dairy
12:30	Lunch	Lunch
13:30	All About Dairy	Orienteering
15:00	Afternoon snack	Afternoon snack
15:30	Den Building	Mud Faces
17:00	Free time	Free time
18:00	Lay the table and have dinner	Lay the table and have dinner
19:00	Wash up and lay the table for breakfast	Wash up and lay the table for breakfast
19:30	Free time	Free time
20:30	Bedtime...lights out, time to sleep!	Bedtime... lights out, time to sleep!

Day 3

Thurs 30th April 2020

Time	Activity	
07:30	Pack belongings	Pack belongings
08:00	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:00	Orienteering	Food Waste and Fairtrade
10:30	Snack break	Snack break
11:00	Food Waste and Fairtrade	Den Building
12:30	Lunch	Lunch
13:30	Plenary activity	Plenary activity
14:00	Depart Bore Place	Depart Bore Place

Organic Farm Tour

A guided tour discovering the inputs and outputs of a working organic dairy farm.

Harvesting & Pizza Making

Explore the market garden and harvest organic veg for your pizza toppings. Make fresh dough and create your own pizza to eat for dinner.

Campfire, Small Mammals & Moth Traps

Learn to light a fire and toast marshmallows over the flames.

Set traps to (humanely) capture some small mammals and moths to identify in the morning.

Food Waste & Fairtrade

Explore some food issues - food waste and Fairtrade - and make delicious chocolate and banana muffins.

Natural Dye Craft

Use a variety of natural materials to create colourful dyes for tie-dye artworks.

Den Building

Survival of the fittest! Make a den that will keep you cosy and dry when we get the watering can out to test it!

All About Dairy

See our cows being milked, the cheesemakers make cheese and your tutor make cheese scones, before you make your own.

Orienteering

Navigate the farm following maps and clues. Teamwork, decision making and coordination skills will be needed!

Mud Faces

Inspired by the story of The Green Man, explore the woods and make a mud face on a tree.

Food & catering

“...The activities were fantastic and the team work we saw between pupils was wonderful. The children really enjoyed themselves and all came bouncing back to school. Activities were well timed and paced and the food was amazing!...”

Oakley School, October 2018



Farm to fork

Food is important at Bore Place. From farm to fork – growing, cooking and sharing food.

Your child will be provided with healthy, balanced meals and snacks.

All meals will be vegetarian and created using seasonal, organic and locally-produced ingredients including produce from its own market garden.

Bore Place's on-site chef prepared home cooked food and the children will be involved along the food journey, from harvesting and washing to chopping, smelling, serving and eating.



Meals

Breakfast

Breakfast is self-served and overseen by the visiting school's teachers/adults.

There will be a selection of organic cereals, milk, yoghurt and fresh fruit, as well as homemade sourdough bread and a selection of organic jams and spreads. Juice is also provided.

Snacks

Healthy and nutritious snacks are served to keep energy levels topped up for busy days exploring the farm.

Snacks include flapjacks, fruit and banana bread.

Lunch

Children will help to make their lunch by preparing their own sandwich after breakfast., with the support of teachers and Bore Place leaders.

Filling choices are: cheese, tomato, egg mayo, marmite.

Sandwiches will be served at lunchtime with veg sticks and hummus, flapjacks and a piece of fruit.

Dinner

Night 1 Children will make homemade pizzas and salad.
Followed by a slice of homemade cake or a piece of fruit.

Night 2 Tomato pasta bake or macaroni cheese with salad harvested from the garden the previous day.
Followed by fruit crumble and custard.

Dietary requirements will be catered for. Please ensure your child's teacher is aware of any allergies or dietary requirements.

safety

“Well planned tour of the farm with friendly farmers to add their expertise to the guides.”

Southborough Primary, July 2018



* The safety and security of visitors is the priority at Bore Place. Every stay starts with a safety orientation ensuring the children understand that the rules are in place to keep them safe.

* All activities are facilitated and led by Bore Place's team of experienced, enthusiastic tutors, who are all DBS checked and fully insured.

* Bore Place is a safe, fully insured venue.

* Accompanying school leaders will have access to a dedicated Bore Place on call number for 24/7 emergency support.

* Bore Place risk assesses every activity and shares the assessments with the visiting school once the itinerary is confirmed.

* Safeguarding of children is paramount and Bore Place has a designated Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Policy.



kit list

Clothing

Waterproof coat

Wellies

Indoor shoes

Trousers / tracksuit
bottoms

T-shirts

Jumper

Underwear

Pyjamas

Slippers

Sunhat / warm hat

Gloves and scarf (if
cold weather)

Personal

Sun cream

Toiletries

Towel

Hairbrush

Reading book

Medication (if required)

Equipment

Water bottle

Torch for night walk

Carrier bags for boots /
dirty clothes

Food

Lunch for arrival on
Day 1

Sleeping

Indoor Camping

Roll mat

Sleeping bag

Pillow & pillow case

other

- Should you need to contact us in an emergency please phone the school office and they will contact us.
- We will be blogging each day to keep you updated.
- Medication – clearly labelled with child's name and dosage to be handed to staff in the morning.
- Inhalers – may be kept by your child but please list on medical form.
- Children should take travel sickness medication before leaving if needed home on the day of departure.
- Medical forms and dietary forms will be sent out nearer to the time.

Other continued

- PLEASE NO SWEETS OR SNACKS in suitcases.
- No need for pocket money as there is no gift shop.
- Disposable cameras only
- Children will need a disposable drinks bottle to refill daily.
- Please do not send any electronic devices or mobile phones, make-up, hair dryers/hair straighteners or anything of value.
- Year 5 staff will be on the trip, along with Mr Taylor, Mrs Long and Mr Corfield (Dan)