

A large, multi-story residential building with a mix of white and grey stone walls, numerous windows, and a prominent chimney. The building is set on a green lawn under a dramatic, cloudy sky. In the foreground, there is a stone wall and a wooden bench.

# DERWENT HILL RESIDENTIAL

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021



# Why do we go?

**Derwent Hill was one of the first Local Authority Outdoor Education Centres in England and has been in operation since 1962.**

**It is owned and operated by Sunderland City Council in a fantastic setting in the Lake District, and in 2017 received World Heritage status.**

**The core purpose remains to give the children and young people of Sunderland high quality residential outdoor education.**





# ACTIVITIES

- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Ghyll scrambling
- A full day's hill walk
- The Big Swing and Gladiator Challenge
- Bushcraft
- Rock Climbing
- Mine exploration
- Team Tasks



# LEARNING FRAMEWORK:

- Challenge
- Engagement
- Creativity
- Ownership
- Success
- Confidence
- Teamwork
- Discovery
- Resilience
- Real life experience
- Personal development





# Learning Outcomes:

- **EXPLORE** five-day course – a progressive series of adventurous activities among the mountains and lakes:
- Develop self awareness and social skills
- Increase personal confidence through successfully meeting new challenges
- Develop personal responsibility
- Develop co-operation, trust and support in a team
- Experience awe and wonder at the natural world and take time to reflect on this
- Understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle



# What do you need to know?

- High proportion of staff & supervision
- Group Leader – Miss Birch
- Teaching Staff : Miss Birch, Miss Anderson, Miss Whitfield, Mr Remmer, Mrs Lazenby/ Mrs Dryden (half). Mr Speck and Mrs Humphries will pay us a visit too!
- Support Staff : Miss Cook, Mr Hughes
- We act in loco-parentis – judgements made on the safety of children
- Specific needs – ability and medical requirements taken into account
- Keep in touch via our Twitter feed, the Year 5 page of the School Website, by text message & Marvellous Me
- Derwent Hill have their own social media pages too – Facebook/Twitter
- Remember.....staff give up their own time to enable this visit to take place; without their commitment and dedication, it wouldn't happen.



# What do you do?

- Pack plenty of layers – old clothes for the outdoor activities are best. Keep an eye on the weather forecast as it may be very warm. See the kit list.
- Make sure your child has an empty lunch box and drinks bottle
- Plastic bags for dirty clothes
- LABEL EVERYTHING!
- NO MOBILE PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED AT ALL! This includes on the bus – it is a safeguarding protocol as it cannot be effectively policed. It is not the same as a family holiday!
- Don't pack anything of significant value.
- Children can bring a small disposable camera for use at the Centre.
- No food required
- Plenty of small change for the games room and vending machine
- DON'T WORRY.....GO TO THE PUB AND ENJOY THE PEACE AND QUIET!



# MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Residential event – same principals will apply as at home
- Prescribed medication only
- Parents to provide medication specifically for Derwent Hill, not what is held in school.
- Provision sessions will be arranged before departure with First Aid staff
- Modified diets: Food intolerances can be accommodated
- Emergency contacts essential – full information should be provided
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**
- Photography & social media permissions (group permissions apply)
- Derwent Hill ask for consent
- Expectation for parents to come and collect their child if a significant issue arises (behavioural or otherwise)

