

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the

Big School Camp

Parent Information Evening

18.11.2026

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

BIG SCHOOL CAMP

BIG SCHOOL CAMP

SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL TRIP

from the number one provider of on-site school outdoor experiences in the UK



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

OUR ETHOS



ALL children deserve the best experiences and opportunities at school. That's why we, at Big School Camp, are 100% committed to delivering our life and learning experiences to everyone, regardless of financial circumstances or special educational needs.

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPACT

"I HAVE NEVER CAMPED OUTSIDE BEFORE, IT WAS AMAZING!!!"

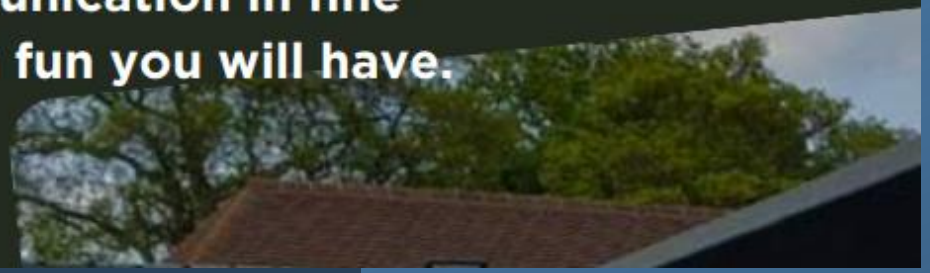


We are unique! We create a full-sized, temporary campsite at your school, with a host of amazing outdoor activities for your students to enjoy. They will build their resilience, engage with nature and strengthen their teamwork skills.

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

TEAM US

This means everyone, from our expert team at Big School Camp, to the head teacher, the classroom teachers, the parents and the students themselves. We are one big team for the event and we all work together to make an extraordinary camp. We understand that nobody wants a whirlwind coming through their school, that's why we plan every activity, every event and all communication in fine detail. The only surprise is just how much fun you will have.



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CAMP IS UNIQUE

The Big School Camp team want the whole year group to enjoy this amazing experience together! Having a Big School Camp situated in the school grounds reduces the cost of providing these enriching experiences for pupils. By making it truly affordable, schools can ensure that 100% of their students can get involved.



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

"CAN WE DO IT ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR?"

ACTIVITIES

*EXAMPLE

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	SESSION 6	SESSION 7	SESSION 8
09:00 - 10:15	10:45 - 11:20	11:45 - 12:30	13:30 - 14:15	14:15 - :15:00	15:30 - 16:15	16:15 - 17:00	18:30 - 20:30
CAMPING	SHELTER BUILDING	LIFE SKILLS	FIRST AID	TEAM BUILDING	WATER GAMES	ORIENTEERING	FIRE LIGHTING

Our camp timetable is structured around running multiple group activities over 5 - 8 sessions per day. We work closely with schools at every step of the planning stage to make sure that every activity is inclusive and we utilise our time on site as effectively as possible.

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Big School Camp Activities	Overview of Activities
Navigation	Learn how to use a compass with basic map skills which is linked to our unique exclusive orienteering activity.
Fire Skills	Learn the art of "SAFE" fire lighting so you have the skills ready for the evening campfire.
Shelter Building	Using tarps, paracord & wood. Can you build a safe shelter before the wind and rain arrive.
Orienteering	Develop your Orienteering Skills using our unique and exclusive 26 way point challenges.
First Aid	Teaching the children the basic of lifesaving skills in a child friendly way, supports curriculum expectation.
Human Enigma	Can you crack the code with your team to get everyone across to the other side in one go.
Cross The River	Work with your team to create a bridge from some washed up equipment & make it to the extraction point before the volcano erupts.
Spider Ball	To get your spider ball from one area to another. If you ball falls to the ground then you start from where it drops.
Rescue Mission	Can you get you rescue your team? Build a stretcher from some wood and fabric to carry an injured patient safely around an obstacle course.



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Big School Camp Activities	Overview of Activities
Compass Excellence	Learn the art of the compass & how it can lead you to safety.
Magic Carpet	Can the team work together to work out how the carpet works? – if they do then its magic!
Magic Stick	Its amazing how the stick moves all by itself when there are lots of others touching it – but can they work together to complete this challenge.
Toe the Line	Using planks to balance on, can the children get in the correct order by working together, make sure you don't fall off.
Swimming Pool/water games	Work as a team to hold lots of water on the large tarp, your group must then remove all the water from the swimming pool without letting go of the tarp. Plus a range of other water challenges. Expect to get wet!
Walk the Walk	Using plank sky walkers, walk tightly together as a team. If you fall off you will have to start again. This can be done as a competition.
Dopey Ropey	Your team must all hold the rope whilst completing all of our rope challenges without letting go. Try to knot get tied up!
Pipe Line	To get the ball from one side of the zone to the other zone using the half pipe to move the ball. This requires lots of team work to move the ball across the zone safely.
Pipe Dream	To get the ping-pong ball out of the pipe. To work as a team to plug the holes. Water based activity.



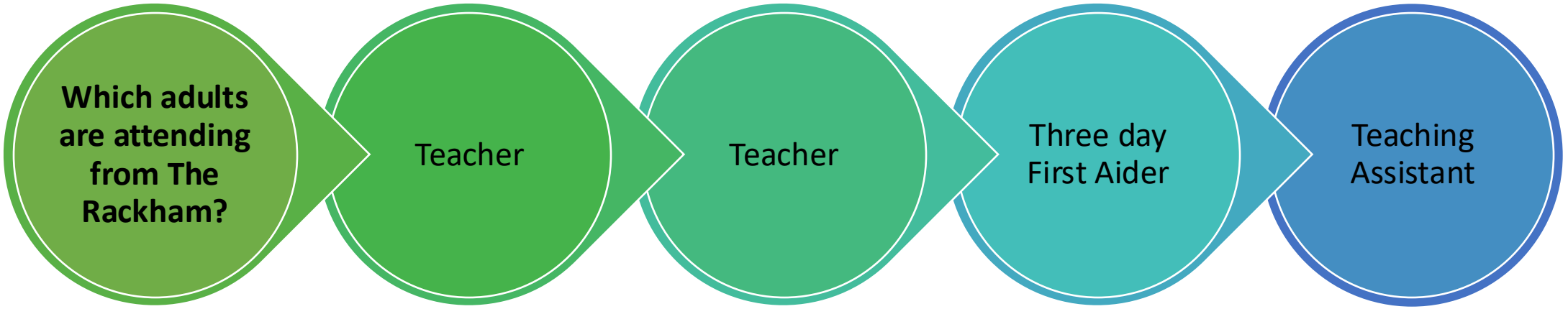
THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Big School Camp Activities	Overview of Activities
Grid Games	Can your team complete our world exclusive Grid Games that require concentration, teamwork, leadership & a desire to succeed. Played in 10m x 10m grid
Archery	A fun skill development of learning the Olympic and Paralympic Sport A safe version of Archery without the extra danger.
Jig Saw	Complete the jigsaw as a team – sounds easy…but is it?
Traditional Games	Try out a range of traditional games such as, Deck Quoits, Knotted, giant pick-up-sticks, Kubb, Molkky and all about Dice.
Toxic Waste	A pressure situation. Can you get the toxic waste into the safe zone, without touching the toxic waste. If you touch the waste or spill it the consequences could be disastrous.
Spiders Web	Get through our mission impossible style web, without touching the web. If you touch the web you will have to start again.
The Big Challenge	Combine all the skills learnt from day 1, into one big team challenge. Can your team get to the rescue vehicle in time?? (*minimum 2 day camp*)




BIG SCHOOL CAMP
TIMETABLE




Which adults are attending from The Rackham?
Teacher
Teacher
Three day First Aider
Teaching Assistant

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Food

Breakfast – Provided by the school kitchen and the cost of this has been included in the price.

Lunch day 1 and 2 – School packed lunch or hot dinner to be booked in the usual way.

There will also be a campfire with marshmallows and hot chocolate.

Dinner – Provided by the school kitchen and the cost of this has been included in the price.

Example menu included in the cost for Big School Camp:

Breakfast:
Toast
Cereal
Fruit
Yogurt
Bacon and sausage rolls
Drink

Evening meal:
Pizza
Chips
Salad bar
Pudding

Snacks provided throughout Thursday and Friday.

Neither of the midday meals are included in the cost of this Big Camp.

Midday meals:
Booked school dinner as usual.
This meal parents will have booked through MCAS.

Thursday:
Could also bring home packed lunch.

Friday:
Has to be a meal provided by school booked on MCAS which can be a packed lunch or a hot meal paid for by parents and carers.

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

All students must bring the following on the day:

-Waterproofs
-Sun Cream
-Water Bottle
-Long trousers – we recommend thick, non polyester trousers, chinos or jeans or thick tracksuit bottoms. These should be worn during the Fire Skills activity for safety.
-No shorts for safety.
-Loose comfortable clothing suitable for activities
-Hair bands - hair must be tied up
-No Jewellery, including earrings or watches.
-Sun Hat
-Sunglasses
-Warm Jumper
-Trainers for activities- NO open shoes
-Full change of clothes including underwear
-Packed lunch – (*FSM will be provided as usual*)
-Separate bag for dirty clothes

Medical information will be communicated to school via a medical form, to be completed and returned to school. Any medication must be brought to school, with the completed form, and given to school staff.

Students must bring the following items for staying overnight in the camp:

-sleeping bag
-Pillow
-Roll mat
-Bed time clothing
-Towel
-Wash bag

Are there any teachers and TAs present throughout the Big School Camp?



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Will there be an adult on sentry duty all night?



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

How many nights will it be?



How will the camping area be kept secure?

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



ALL PERIMETER GATES WILL BE LOCKED;



CONFIGURATION OF THE TENTS WILL ENSURE THE STAFF TENTS ARE ON THE OUTER EDGES SO THE CHILDREN ARE IN THE MIDDLE;



ADULT SENTRIES ON DUTY AFTER LIGHTS OUT;



ESCORTED TRIPS TO THE TOILETS;



A LIT BASECAMP WHERE PUPILS WILL GO TO IF THEY NEED SUPPORT;



RADIOS;



PORTABLE FLOODLIGHTS UTILISED SO NOT TOTAL DARKNESS.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

- Four children per tent;
- Children will request a friend to be with;
- Staff each has their own tent;
- Big School Camp staff in their own area away from the pupils and school staff.

What if my child is upset or scared?

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- We will try to settle them;
- We will phone home;
- Child can go home.

What if my child is unwell?

They will be assessed by a First Aider;

We will phone home;

Child can go home.

What if my child has dietary requirements?



Log this on the medical form;



We will accommodate dietary needs.

Will my child be able to wash and clean their teeth?

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- A school toilet block will be open for this purpose.

What happens when pupils arrive at school for the first day of the Big School Camp?



THE DOUBLE DOORS TO THE HALL WILL BE OPEN;

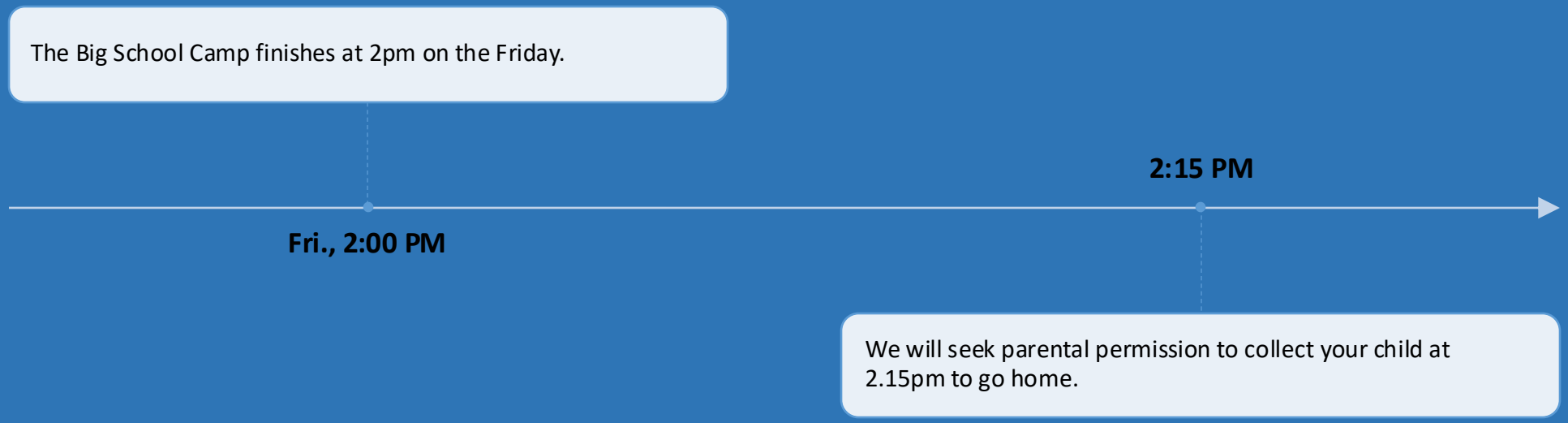


PUPILS TO GO INTO THE HALL WITH THEIR OVERNIGHT BAGS AND POSSESSIONS;



ONCE EVERYONE HAS ARRIVED, WE WILL WALK DOWN TO THE SCHOOL FIELD TO SET UP CAMP TOGETHER.

When does the Big School Camp finish?



What about behaviour?

The school behaviour expectations and policy continue to apply when our pupils are at an organised event representing The Rackham whether they are on or off the school site.

THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

