

Year 4 Grittleton House Residential 2025

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is Grittleton House?

Grittleton House is a historic country house situated in the heart of the Cotswolds. It is a well-established venue that offers a range of educational and recreational activities for school groups. The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens and includes facilities such as sports grounds, large dining areas, and dedicated spaces for learning and adventure activities.

2. What activities will my child participate in?

Students will engage in a variety of activities designed to enhance teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills. These may include outdoor sports, orienteering, arts and crafts and team-building exercises. All activities are age-appropriate and supervised by trained professionals. Examples of activities are included in the information pack. Children will be encouraged to participate but will not be forced to do anything they are uncomfortable with.

3. Who will be supervising the children during the trip?

Our school staff will be accompanying the students throughout the entire trip. In addition, the instructors and facilitators at Grittleton House are qualified professionals who are experienced in working with children. There will be a high adult-to-child ratio, ensuring that all students are properly supervised during both daytime activities and night time routines.

4. What are the sleeping arrangements?

Children will be staying in shared dormitory-style rooms, separated by gender. Teachers will be housed nearby, and there will be staff on call throughout the night to ensure the safety and comfort of all students. All accommodation buildings are locked at night with external access via key or keycode lock only.

5. What should my child pack for the trip?

A detailed packing list will be provided, but essential items include:

- Comfortable clothing for outdoor activities
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Sleepwear and toiletries
- A waterproof jacket
- A water bottle
- A small backpack for daily activities Please avoid sending valuable items such as electronics or expensive jewellery.

6. What if my child has special dietary needs or allergies?

We cater to all dietary requirements, including allergies, religious needs, and vegetarian or vegan preferences. We will make the necessary arrangements with the catering team at Grittleton House for children we have been informed have specific dietary conditions.

7. How will medical needs be handled?

There will be a first-aid qualified member of staff on-site at all times. If your child requires medication, please ensure that it is clearly labelled with instructions. A designated staff member will be responsible for administering any medications. In case of emergencies, the nearest hospital is within a reasonable distance from the site, and parents will be contacted immediately.

8. Will there be any contact with parents during the trip?

During the residential trip, teachers will be fully engaged in looking after the children and ensuring they have a fantastic time. However, we will still be sharing pictures and updates via X (formerly Twitter) to keep you informed of their adventures.

10. Can my child bring a phone or other electronic devices?

Children are NOT to bring phones or electronic devices. This also helps ensure that valuables are not lost or damaged during the trip. Teachers will have phones in case of emergencies.

11. What should I do if my child feels anxious about the trip?

It's natural for children to feel a bit anxious before their first residential trip. We encourage you to talk to your child about the exciting activities they'll experience and assure them that they will be well taken care of. If your child has specific concerns, please let us know so we can provide additional support and help them feel more comfortable.

12. What is the cost of the trip, and are payment plans available?

The total cost of the trip is £261. Payment plans are available to make the cost more manageable and these have already been set up on ParentPay. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please contact the school office to discuss your options. **Please note:** *Once the deposit has been paid, you are committing to your child attending this residential and making full payment. The final balance must be paid by **24th March**.*