

PGL Residential 2026

Welcome
Meeting 11th
November 2025

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Parent Welcome Guide





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- **Wednesday 14th October.** Setting off at 1pm after lunch in school.
- **Return at 3.15pm (approx.) Friday 16th October**



Why?

Why is a residential trip important for children

Residential trips are crucial for children's personal and social development. They provide opportunities for children to develop independence, resilience, and social confidence.

These trips help children grow in confidence, learn independence, and develop skills that support both their learning and their wellbeing. They also break down barriers between students and teachers, fostering relationships and building a sense of community.

Additionally, residential trips offer a break from the daily routine, allowing children to experience new things and develop new skills. They create lasting memories and contribute to good health and mental wellbeing. [↔ PGL](#) [+5](#)

PGL - Inspiring learning at Dearne Valley

New location: Dearne Valley

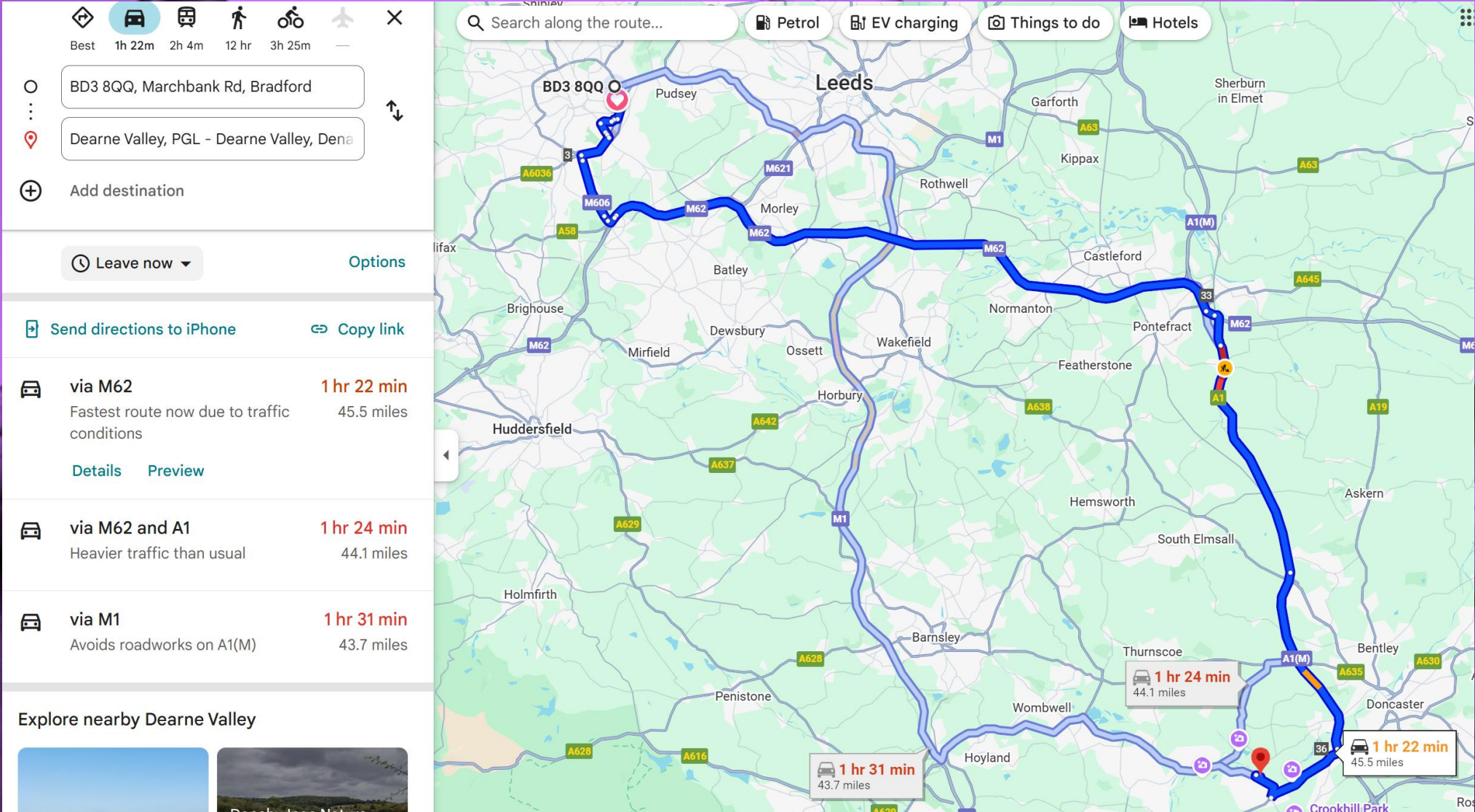
2025 is shaping up to be a great year at Dearne Valley, as we continue to welcome guests for incredible adventures while gearing up to reopen as PGL in 2026.

Formerly the Earth Centre, one of the Millennium Commission projects, Dearne Valley was transformed into a state-of-the-art activity centre in 2012. Dearne Valley is an environmentally sustainable centre, complete with one of Europe's largest solar panels and an on-site water treatment plant.

With fantastic indoor and outdoor activity facilities surrounded by the beautiful countryside of South Yorkshire, a purpose-built water sports lake and access to the adjacent River Don, Dearne Valley is the perfect location for an outdoor adventure.



Location

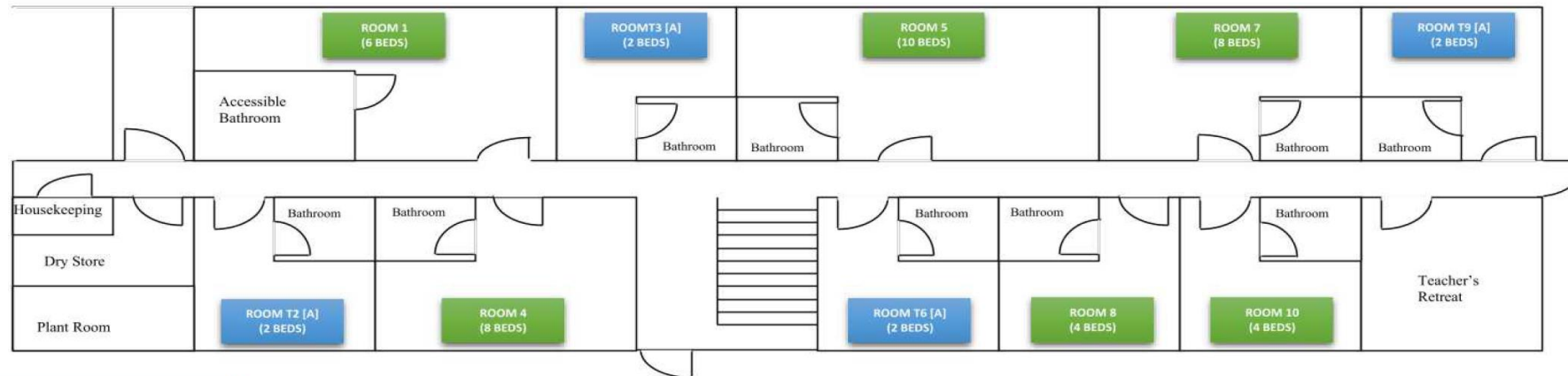


Activities

		Dixons Marchbank Primary - KW102016						Dearne Valley				
		15th - 17th October										
Wednesday												
Group	Group Leader	09:15	10:45	12.15	13.15	14:30	16:00	17:30	18:30	19:45		
12					Arrival - Meet your course director		Archery	Dinner/Group Contract		Scrapheap Challenge		
13							Archery					
14							Problem Solving					
Thursday												
12		Leap Of Faith	Bushcraft Shelter Build	Lunch/Get Connected		Abseil	Orienteering	Dinner/Trip Reflection		Campfire		
13		Leap Of Faith	Bushcraft Shelter Build			Abseil	Orienteering					
14		Bushcraft Shelter Build	Leap Of Faith			Archery	Abseil					
Friday												
12		Jacobs Ladder	Problem Solving	Packed Lunch +Departure								
13		Jacobs Ladder	Problem Solving									
14		Orienteering	Jacobs Ladder									
	Please Remember! Long sleeves and long trousers are required for most activities. Some off-site studies incur an additional charge - please contact the centre for confirmation. The following restrictions apply to all off ground activities. Weight over 120kg (285lbs). Pregnant (unless doctor's advice has been sought). Any type of heart condition or heart-related issues (unless doctor's advice has been sought). Any type of spinal injury or weak spine condition (unless doctor's advice has been sought)				Weather/Extreme Conditions We reserve the right to offer comparable alternatives to any of the activities contained within your Programme. Session timings may be subject to change						Group Meal Times	
											Breakfast:	
											Lunch:	
											Dinner:	

Accommodation

Group	Dixons Marchbank Primary	Date of Visit	15 th -17 th October 2025		
Building	Denaby	Students	20	Adults	4



Rooms Allocated

GROUND FLOOR			
ROOM 1	NOT AVAILABLE	ROOM T6	Dixons Marchbank Primary
ROOM T2	NOT AVAILABLE	ROOM 7	Dixons Marchbank Primary
ROOM T3	NOT AVAILABLE	ROOM 8	Dixons Marchbank Primary
ROOM 4	NOT AVAILABLE	ROOM T9	Dixons Marchbank Primary
ROOM 5	Dixons Marchbank Primary	ROOM 10	Dixons Marchbank Primary

Only the rooms with 'available' next to them have been allocated to your group.

Total number of Student beds allocated on this floor

26

Total number of Adult beds allocated on this floor

4

Sharing with Others on this floor

NO

*As part of our safeguarding process please ensure the main party leader can provide photo ID on arrival.
Party Leader's will also be asked to confirm that all adults who are part of the party have been DBS checked and are suitable to work with children.*

Accommodation



Will our child mix with others from different schools or groups?

Our centres usually have several schools and groups staying at any one time, but children will all stay together throughout the day. The only time groups can meet is in the evenings as part of our Social Sundown unless participating in the Interaction module. Students from different schools never share the same dorms.

Children with at least one friend
Boys and girls separate wing
Supervised by adults and PGL team
Showers at allocated times

Supervision

Safety on Centre - supervision and support

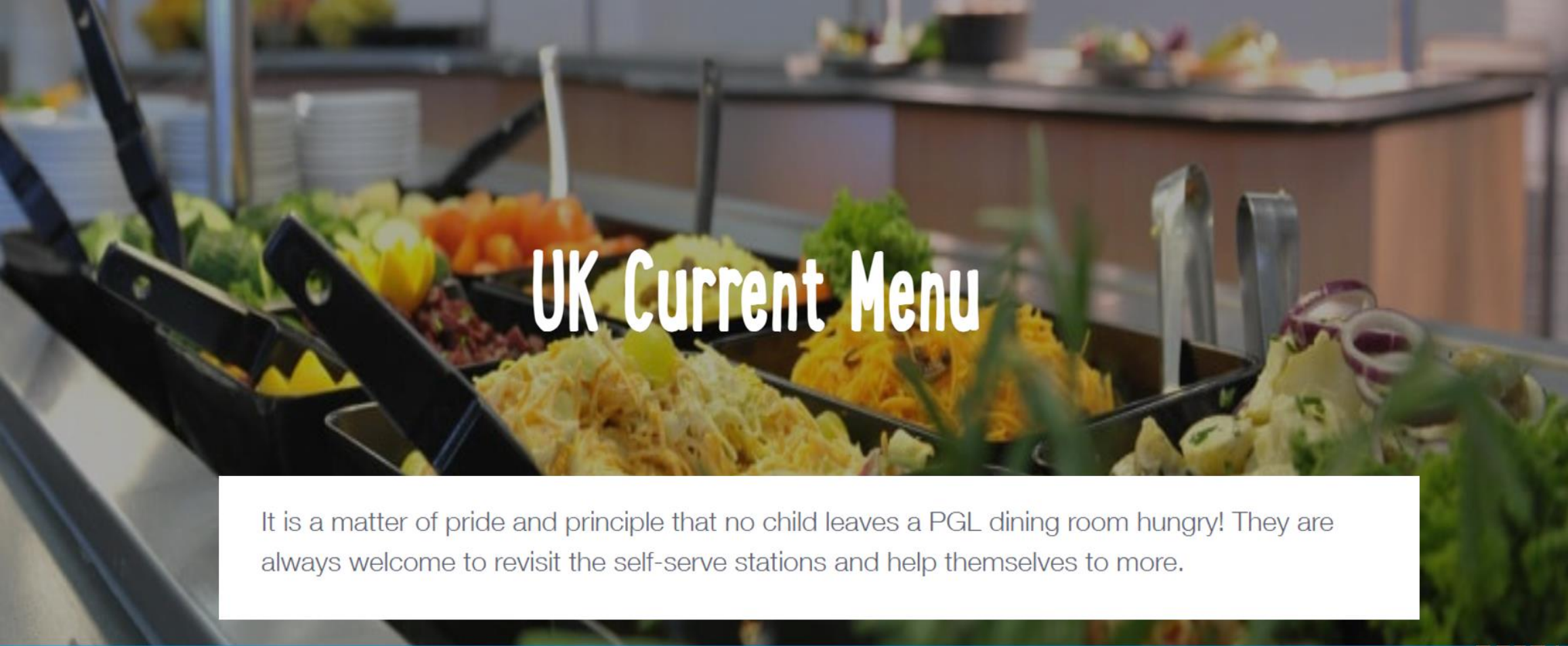
Schedule	Our Responsibility (with your support)	Your Responsibility (with our support)
Daytime Adventure Activities	✓	
Breaks and Free Time		✓
Meal Times		✓
Evening Entertainment/Activities	✓	
Bedtime		✓
Night Time		✓

Miss Stephenson

Mrs Kirk

Mrs Greenwood

Food



UK Current Menu

It is a matter of pride and principle that no child leaves a PGL dining room hungry! They are always welcome to revisit the self-serve stations and help themselves to more.

Gift Shop



GIFT SHOP PRICE LIST



TOYS

Teddy Bears.....	from £5.00
Football.....	£6.00
Basketball.....	£6.00
Bouncy Ball.....	£1.00

STATIONERY

Notebook & Pen.....	£3.50
Colouring Pencils.....	£2.50
Pencils.....	£1.00
Pen.....	£1.00
Rubbers.....	from 40p

ACCESSORIES

Water Bottle.....	£4.50
PGL Medal.....	£3.00
LED Torch.....	£3.00
Badges.....	from £1.00
Wristbands.....	£1.00
Coaster.....	£2.50

CLOTHES

Caps.....	£5.50
T-shirts.....	£7.50

GIFTS

Keyrings.....	£3.00
Magnets.....	from £2.50
Mugs.....	£4.50
Postcards.....	£0.50

Treat someone you love...



Maximum of £10

Children are responsible

What to bring



WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure that all items are named.

Sleeping Bag please

CLOTHING

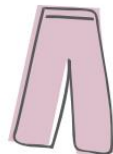
Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and/or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities.



Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities.

- ☐ Tops & jackets
 - ☐ T-shirts
 - ☐ Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
 - ☐ Waterproof jacket
 - ☐ Fleeces/jumpers

- ☐ Trousers or leggings
 - but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet



- ☐ Underwear & socks

Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ 2 pairs of trainers
 - 1 for activities
 - 1 old pair for watersports
- ☐ 1 pair of dry shoes for evening activities



We recommend that all visitors wear closed-toe footwear while on site due to uneven terrain and safety considerations around activity areas

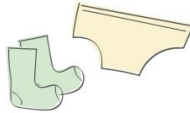
OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ 2 towels
 - 1 for showering
 - 1 old one for activities

What to bring

- ☐ Swimming costume/trunks for water activities
- ☐ 1 or 2 sets of clothes for the evening
- ☐ Suitable nightwear

some activities.



TRAVELLING IN THE...



...SUMMER?

- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Baseball cap/sun hat
- ☐ Sunscreen



...WINTER?

- ☐ Warm coat
- ☐ Hat and gloves

Lost property

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact PGL. Postage will be charged for returning lost items.

Study courses and sports weekends

Groups taking part in study courses and sports weekends e.g. netball/football, should bring appropriate clothing/footwear for these activities.

What to wear

We have included some guidance on what to wear and what not to wear for the activities we are most often asked about. Please note, activities vary at each centre and final activity itineraries are planned by each centre.

Water-based activities

- ✓ Old trainers/water shoes
- ✓ Warm clothing
- ✓ Layers
- ✓ Old clothes
- ✓ Swimwear (for some water activities)
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
- ✗ Wellies
- ✗ Jeans

Rope sessions

- ✓ Sturdy footwear
- ✓ Tops to cover the shoulders
- ✓ Shorts that cover the thighs
- ✓ Long trousers
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
- ✗ Denim shorts

Muddy activities

- ✓ Old trainers
- ✓ Long trousers (waterproof if possible)
- ✓ Layers
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
- ✗ Shorts

- ☐ Reusable drinks bottle
- ☐ Small rucksack/bag
- ☐ Labelled bin bag for wet and dirty clothing
- ☐ Sleeping bag or duvet and pillow (unless otherwise advised)
- ☐ Washbag including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste (please do not bring Aerosols)
- ☐ Hair ties for long hair
- ☐ Torch
- ☐ Pocket money £10-20 Recommended



PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- ✗ Electrical devices
- ✗ Computer games
- ✗ Food items that contain nuts
- ✗ Jewellery/valuables
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals

If you bring your mobile phone, please note, it is not covered by our insurance.



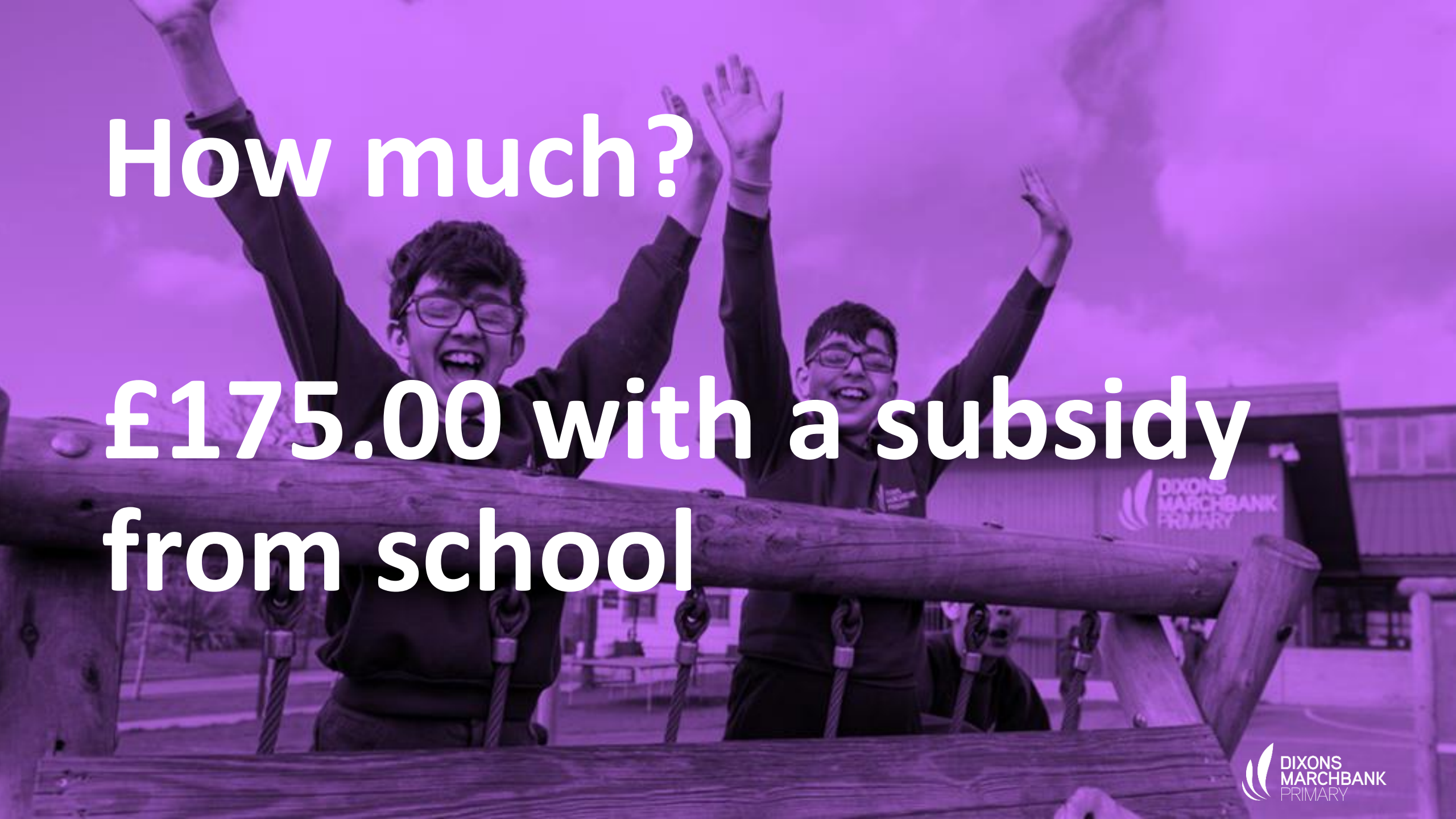
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- Photographs 2025 residential

A photograph of two young boys on a wooden obstacle course. They are both wearing glasses and dark clothing, and they have their arms raised in the air, smiling. The background shows a school building with the name 'DIXONS MARCHBANK PRIMARY' visible. The entire image has a purple tint.

How much?

**£175.00 with a subsidy
from school**

Pay a deposit of £25 by Friday 5 December

Go to the Trip tile on the MCAS app to secure your place and pay

Pay instalments over the year for the remaining balance

PGL Parent Guide

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>

About your child's trip

Parent Guide



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Everything you need to know, all in one place!

Find out what your child needs to take with them, what they will do when they get there, what they will be eating and what to do if your child has any allergies or medical conditions we need to take into consideration. It's all here in the Parent Guide.

Click on the links to find out everything you need to know about your child's PGL trip.



Kit List



Food



Accommodation



Activities



Shop



Peace of Mind



Wi-Fi

