



19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Year Five: Residential York Trip**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

I am pleased to be able to provide final details of the arrangements for our residential trip to York. If you require any further information or have any concerns you wish to discuss, please arrange to speak with me via the School Office.

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Outward Journey: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

We will travel to York by coach.

**ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL**

Your child should arrive at the main entrance at 7:30am in order that luggage and medicines can be checked and packed and any other administrative matters dealt with **before we leave at 8:00am**.

Please ensure that your child:

- is wearing a sweatshirt with the school logo;
- has a coat (**not packed** in their suitcase);
- has any medicines in a separate, named bag ready to hand in to the first aiders.

**We would be grateful if you could say goodbye to your child at the front door and wait outside if you wish to wave the coaches off.** If it is a fine day, children should leave their cases outside to the right and left of the main entrance and then report to the hall; if it is wet, they should bring their cases into the hall with them.

**MEDICINES**

Last term, we sent home a medical form. Thank you for all the prompt responses to this. If you have not yet returned this form, please do so as soon as possible. Should you need another copy, please contact the school office.

Should you have any further questions about medication, please contact the school office before Friday 2nd February.

**LUGGAGE**     **A kit list is attached to help with packing**

- ☐ One medium-sized suitcase. Please do not include any aerosols.
- ☐ One item of hand luggage. This should be a medium-sized rucksack. The children will use this throughout their visit to house their packed lunches, writing materials, etc.
- ☐ **Please send a bin liner for dirty clothes.** On return, the kit list can be used to check everything is packed back into your child's case.

**PACKED LUNCH**

For the journey to York, your child must have a packed lunch **contained in a carrier bag** within their rucksack so we can dispose of it after lunch. This should include **two drinks** (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks, please). We are happy for the children to bring snacks with them.

**Please do not send any products containing nuts.**

We expect to arrive in York at **approximately 12:00**. A message to say that we have arrived safely will be posted on our Crosshall Junior School Facebook (@CrosshallJuniorAT) and Twitter (@CrosshallJunior).

## ACCOMMODATION

All children will be housed at the York YHA in rooms of two – six. Adults will also be located on each floor of the hostel. Most of the beds provided will be bunk beds.

- There are ensuite shower and toilet facilities in most rooms.
- Bed linen (bottom sheets and duvets) is provided, but not towels.
- **Please ensure your child has their own towel(s).**
- Each child has had the opportunity to choose a friend they would like to share a room with.

## SECURITY

The entire hostel has been booked for our school and is manned 24 hours a day.

Staff will be accommodated near to the children.

A fire drill will be carried out at some point during our first evening.

## MEALS

Meals at the YHA York are taken in the dining room.

Breakfast consists of a hot item, a breakfast biscuit, fruit and juice with optional toast and cereal. The packed lunches will be a sandwich, fruit and a biscuit or cake.

Evening meals are plentiful and include both a main meal and a dessert.

There are always vegetarian options, and dietary needs included on the medical forms will be catered for.

## ACTIVITIES

During the trip, your child will be in a small group under the direct supervision of one of the staff. They will participate in a broad range of activities, including (but not limited to):

- York Chocolate Story and gift shop;
- the National Railway Museum;
- a guided historical city walls walk;
- an open-topped bus tour;
- a visit to the Castle Museum;
- Shambles tour;
- catapults;
- Viking longships;
- Viking shields;
- Norse code;
- team games;
- a film night;
- an end of trip disco.

## RETURN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS - Return Journey Thursday 15th February

Expected time of arrival at Crosshall: **approximately 17:30**

The journey will be by coach. We will send any updates to our arrival time by text and on social media.

Please make arrangements to collect your child on their return.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS

In the event of a genuine emergency, you can contact the York YHA direct on the following telephone number: 01904 653147.

During school hours, please contact the **school office on 01480 475972** or email [office@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:office@crosshalljunior.co.uk)

## **MONEY AND VALUABLES**

- Pocket money should be a **maximum of £15** and this will be checked. Please send in some coins if possible. Please ensure this is placed **in a named wallet** (rather than in an envelope) and brought to school on the morning of departure.
- **NO VALUABLES** should be taken on the trip (i.e. no mobile phones, expensive jewellery, watches, cameras etc.)
- **CAMERAS**. If you wish your child to take photographs while on the trip, we recommend one of the disposable types, which are widely available. **It must be labelled with your child's name.**
- **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES** (i.e. hand-held computer game or similar) are to be brought on this trip.
- Please note that adults cannot take responsibility for valuables.
- **NO MOBILE DEVICES** – please do not send any mobile device that has the capacity to connect to the internet on this trip, including smart watches such as iWatch. If found, these will be confiscated and returned to an adult upon return from the trip.

## **INSURANCE**

Travel, personal accident/illness and property insurance for this trip has been arranged through our own insurance company.

I would like to close this letter by thanking you for your support for this trip. We are confident that your child will thoroughly enjoy the experience of travelling with Crosshall Junior School.

Yours sincerely,

**Angela Connor**  
**Head of Year Five & Trip Leader**

<b>SUGGESTED CLOTHING LIST FOR RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO YORK</b>
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This list is intended as packing guidance for clothing. You may wish to include extra items that are not on the list\*. We suggest that two complete changes of outdoor clothing are needed as well as the important disco attire! We hope that by checking the clothing prior to both the Crosshall and York departures, the risk of lost property will be reduced.

The prime considerations should be:

- comfort;
- possible weather conditions – heat/cold/rain/snow;
- ease of transport.

Please ensure **all items have your child's name on.** There is a checklist attached to this sheet. Please tick off the items as you pack and attach it to the inside of your child's case to help your child bring home the correct clothing.

**LUGGAGE MUST BE LIMITED TO ONE CASE OR BAG THAT YOUR CHILD CAN CARRY.**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* All children must wear a school sweatshirt for the outward journey and have a coat with them – <b>not packed.</b></li><li>* All children must bring a reusable water bottle.</li></ul> |
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NAME:

CLASS:

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED**

ITEM	CHECKED ON PACKING	CHECKED ON DEPARTURE
reusable water bottle (compulsory)		
school sweatshirt (compulsory)		
small hand sanitiser		
pack of tissues		
T-shirt / long-sleeved top (4)		
trousers / jeans		
jogging bottoms		
sweaters / sweatshirt / warm layers		
disco outfit		
underwear		
socks		
nightwear		
dressing gown		
bath and hand towels		
washing kit (no aerosols)		
brush / comb		
indoor slippers		
outdoor shoes		
trainers / walking boots		
Wellington boots (optional)		
waterproof jacket / coat		
hat, scarf, gloves		
bin bag for dirty clothes		