



**Y6**  
**Barkisland**  
**School**  
**9th-11th July 2025**



**Staff: Mrs Wilde, Miss Womersley & Mrs Bromley**

Luggage to school on **Wednesday** morning. Left in outdoor classroom. (***Please see kit list already sent home***)

Luggage will be loaded onto coach from 09.15am.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE BAGS ARE NO BIGGER THAN A SMALL CASE / CABIN BAG / SPORTS BAG. IF LUGGAGE IS ANY LARGER, THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH SPACE FOR EVERYONE'S CASES!**

Leave school at approx. 9.30am. Parents are welcome to wave us off.

Any medications your child is required to have e.g. antihistamines; travel sickness pills etc need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to a member of staff. A school administration of medication form will also need to be completed (this can be found on the school website under letters and news/ useful documents/ administration of medication consent form)

- Travel by coach to Todmorden - arrive approx. 10:20am at the coach park
- **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS TRAVEL SICK**
- Canal walk to the site approx. 30 minutes (including a fairly steep walk through woods)
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL APPROPRIATELY DRESSED (INCLUDING FOOTWEAR).**

# What to bring

It is not necessary to bring all items given on the suggested clothing list; this is only a guide to items which it may be useful to include.

We would advise **practical, hard-wearing clothing suitable for the inevitable wear and tear of an activity course**. Robin Wood have a drying room and provide a laundry facility. Wet and/or dirty clothing will be collected in by the group leader and washed on a 30 degree cycle and dried in a tumble dryer before being returned to the children, so please do not bring and new or expensive items, or any items that cannot be tumble dried. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS CLEARLY NAMED!**  
**It would also be helpful to include school name if possible. Robinwood will NOT look to return any property that is not named!!**

Due to the nature of the activities, it is possible for clothing to get damaged on occasions. Old clothes are best.

Outdoor shoes/boots will be needed: walking boots are great but any strong, sturdy shoes. Trainers OK in fine/dry weather. Robin Wood can provide wellies when appropriate.

Jeans are not suitable (cold and restrictive). Please do not pack these. We recommend tracksuit or jogging bottoms, sports leggings but trousers are also fine.

**Robinwood ask that all children bring their own water bottle. It would be helpful if this is clearly named (and not easily breakable!)**

Weather can be unpredictable, so please include a warm fleece, but also **SUNSCREEN!**





## What not to bring

Please do not bring **valuable** items such as mobile phones, cameras, radios, iPads/tablets, expensive watches or any computer games.

Please do not bring any **aerosol sprays**. The fire alarm is sensitive in order to ensure high standards of fire safety and aerosols sprayed near any of the many smoke alarm sensors can set off the fire alarm for the whole centre.



# Sample Timetable: Day 1

- Arrival at 10.30am. Canal walk to Dobroyd Castle
- Settle in, find rooms, make beds (!), meet our course leader (the senior member of Robinwood staff who is in overall charge of our school group)
- Lunch
- Activities

For example: Giant Swing, Raft Building, Crate Challenge

- Evening Meal
- Activities

For example: Trapeze, Quest

- Shower

## Meals

Robinwood caters for many thousands of children each year, including many with special dietary requirements. There is always a vegetarian option available. All special dietary requirements have already been given to Robinwood. Children will be asked by their group leader on the first day to choose their meals for the rest of the course.

All groups attending Robinwood have a cooked breakfast and a cooked evening meal each day. A lighter lunch is provided, water is available throughout the day.

### Breakfast:

Cereals and toast are available for breakfast each morning, together with a cooked breakfast. Children may choose from **sausage, beans, bacon, potato waffles and toast**.

### Lunch:

Children have a **packed lunch** on their **arrival to the centre** on the first day. Sandwiches are also offered every day of the course but wraps and other alternatives will be offered on days two and three. A selection of sandwich fillings are offered which typically include **ham, cheese, jam and tuna**. **Fruit, crisps and a chocolate biscuit** are also offered.

## Meals:

### Evening Meal:

Typical evening meals include Pizza, Fish Fingers, Pasta Bolognaise or Baked Potato. Sweets offered include Ice Cream and Chocolate Mousse.

Squash and water is available with all meals. Hot or cold drinks are also available for children when out on activities.

There is always a choice available.

Fresh fruit is also available throughout the day, so the children will not be going hungry!







# Showers

- Separate boys and girls shower rooms and each activity group is timetabled for showers after they take part in wet and muddy activities. Each shower room includes individual shower cubicles enabling privacy for the children whilst showering and whilst getting changed afterwards.

Evening activities finish at 8.10pm and there is then a settling down period of around 30 minutes when the children meet with their teachers, course leader and the night duty staff. They will review the day and begin settling the children down for bedtime. Following on from washing and brushing teeth the children are in bed with lights out by approx. 9pm.

There is a team of Robinwood staff timetabled on 'bedtime' duty, along with the teachers, to ensure that all children get settled and to sleep in their dormitories reasonably quickly. Due to how busy the children are throughout the day with all of the exciting activities, we expect they will be off to sleep quickly!

Once the children are quiet and mostly asleep, the number of staff on duty reduces, but there will always be at least one male and one female member of staff awake and on duty throughout the night. There is a call assist button in each of the rooms for the children to press for any reason at night.

In order that everyone is clear that a proper and professional approach is taken to the supervision of children at night time, a diary is kept from 9pm where the details of children coming out of their dormitories is written down. This is often referred to as the night duty book and does not include visits to the toilet. Mrs Wilde will receive a copy of this the following morning. The children are told about this diary and that it will be shown to Mrs Wilde the following day!

Mrs Wilde will also be on call each night.



# Sample Timetable –Day 2

- **Wake-up calls to rooms at around 7.30am by ‘wake-up staff’.** The wake-up duty staff will come to the dormitory doors in time to get the children up and dressed, with all their kit packed as required for the day’s activities and children ready to get down to breakfast in good time.

- Breakfast

- Activities

E.g. Zip Wire, Canoeing, Archery

- Lunch

- Activities

E.g. Nightline, Piranha Pool, Caving

- Evening Meal

- Team Challenge

- Shower

# Activities

Activities begin straight after breakfast; each one usually lasts around an hour. There will be 15 exciting activities over the whole stay that focus on challenge, developing teamwork and stimulating the imagination. Children are encouraged to take part in all but will not be made to at any time if they don't want to.

Further information about the activities can be found on the Robinwood website

[https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity\\_centers/dobroyd-castle/](https://www.robinwood.co.uk/activity_centers/dobroyd-castle/)

Including videos of the activities.



## Groups and dorms

The groups and dorms will be organised once we have been allocated our rooms. The children will be in a dorm and activity group with at least one person they have chosen. The children will find out their groups the day before and dorms on the day of the residential. The staff dorms are in close proximity to the children's rooms.

The dormitories are allocated just for our school, our activity groups will be for children just from our school. The children will be split into two activity groups which will remain the same for the duration of the course. The names of the groups have yet to be confirmed.



Each activity group will have a designated activity leader and a designated member of Barkisland staff. We also have a designated team leader for our school.

Robinwood staff are timetabled to supervise our groups throughout their stay. This not only includes the activities, but also break times, meal times and night times. A member of Barkisland staff will always be present with the children during the day.



## Telephone contact whilst children are away

Children should leave mobile phones at home.

Although homesickness generally isn't a problem, if children do get on the telephone to parents, particularly on the first night, this can make a potential home sickness situation significantly worse.

Any contact that needs to be made will be made through Mrs Wilde

**Keep checking Twitter for regular updates!**



## **Water safety**



Children do not need to be able to swim to take part in Robinwood water sports, they should be confident in water (in other words they would not panic if they fell in). Watersports take place on very sheltered water; just over a metre deep, with children no more than 15 metres from the bank at any time. Everyone on the water wears a buoyancy aid and a canoe helmet.

# Sample Timetable –Day 3

- **Wake-up calls to rooms at around 7.30am by ‘wake-up staff’.**
- Breakfast
- Activities

E.g. Dungeon, Climbing, Challenge course

- Lunch
- Departure at approx. 2pm
- Arrive back at school from approximately 2.30pm
- Pick up as normal (or Kid’s Club etc) at 3.30pm

We will be in regular contact with the office staff to keep them informed of any delays that may occur on the journey back to school.



**Any  
questions?**

