

# Birch Hill Primary School



## Year 4 Residential: Oakwood

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023



# What are the benefits of a residential?

## ► Being away from home

- Short amount of time to experience independence, a new environment, new routines
- Preparation for Y6 Residential
- Increased maturity, confidence and courage

## ► Relationships

- Collaboration in unfamiliar surroundings on unfamiliar tasks
- Teacher is not automatically the expert
- Develop and practice key social skills

# What are the benefits of a residential?

## ▶ New opportunities

- ▶ Change to attempt practical and physical challenges
- ▶ Everyone can see success
- ▶ Opportunities to overcome fears

## ▶ New ways of learning

- ▶ Safe space to enjoys new ways of teaching and learning
- ▶ Increased responsibility (themselves and belongings)

# Open to all

- ▶ Never stayed away from home
- ▶ Financial burden – December 2022
  - ▶ Support Fund Application Form

Please come and talk to us – we may be able to help you.

# Oakwood: location

Oakwood Youth Challenge, Waterloo Road, Wokingham, RG41 3DA





# Oakwood: grounds

The residential accommodation is set on a beautiful 20 acre site, in a peaceful location. Oakwood is surrounded by countryside and is safe and secure. There are many sports facilities including: football pitches and basketball hoops.



# Oakwood: ethos

- ▶ Challenge - help to move forward and upward – through this children will experience good and bad times and have to take some risks
- ▶ Provide children with the skills to meet these challenges, face the risks and ultimately succeed
- ▶ Oakwood Youth Challenge is a Christian charity that aims to provide physical, social and spiritual challenges to those who visit us
- ▶ All activities are run by qualified staff and all activities are run on-site

# Oakwood: activities

School residentials are jammed packed with fun and challenging activities. Doing outdoor activities together is a great way for classes to build strong relationships with each other and are a fantastic tool to help build confidence amongst pupils. Activities challenge children to push their comfort zone, work with other people in order to achieve and encourage others to succeed.



# Oakwood: activities

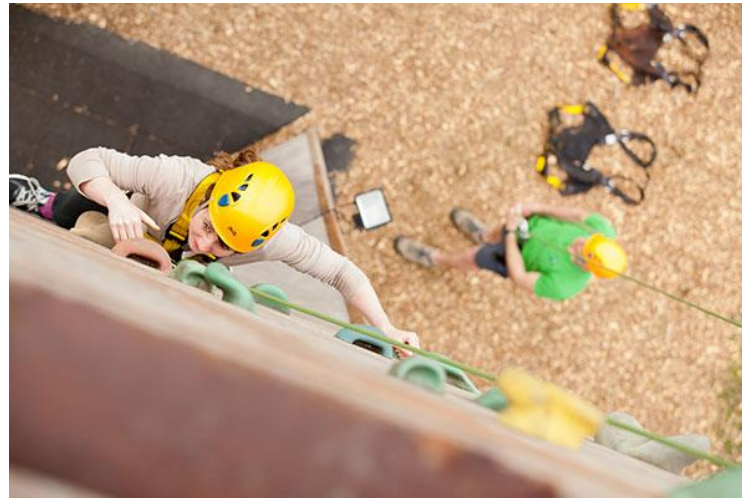
## Abseiling



## Archery

# Oakwood: activities

## Mountain Biking



## Climbing Walls and Bouldering



# Oakwood: activities

Jacob's Ladder



Mountain boarding



# Oakwood: activities



Low Ropes

\* High ropes for 8 years +

Leap of faith





# Oakwood: activities

## Crate Stacking



## Team Building

# Oakwood: a typical day

- 7.30am Get up, dormitory inspection
- 8.00am Breakfast
- 9.30am Activities
- 4.30pm Showers / Free time
- 5.00pm Dinner
- 6.30pm Evening Session
- 7.30pm Get ready for bed



# Oakwood: accommodation

10 rooms all fitted with comfortable bunk beds and en-suite bathrooms. Each room sleeps 6 people on 3 sets of bunk beds. The rooms are split into two corridors of four rooms with two separate rooms on the end of the block for teachers.



# Oakwood: lounge

There is a spacious, relaxing lounge area with comfy leather chairs and coffee tables. There is also a table football and two table tennis tables.



# Oakwood: food

You will be served three delicious meals by our caterer each day. The food is chosen with health and nutrition in mind and children with dietary or religious needs can also be catered for.



# BH Staff

- ▶ Dependant on numbers
  - ▶ Miss Garnham
  - ▶ Mrs Russell
  - ▶ ANO
  - ▶ Mr Dillon/ Ms Cameron

# Behaviour

- ▶ Respect
  - ▶ Each other
  - ▶ BH staff
  - ▶ Oakwood staff
- ▶ Need for sleep!
- ▶ Children and parents sign a 'pact' regarding conduct.

# Travel

- ▶ Parents to pick up and drop off from the centre
- ▶ Drop off: 9am
- ▶ Pick up: 3pm



# Cost

- ▶ £180 including accommodation, food, equipment and instruction for 2 nights, 3 days.
- ▶ No other money needed
- ▶ This needs to be paid by instalments or lump sum.
- ▶ Final Payment date:

# Dates for payments

- ▶ First deposit- £30 (non-refundable from February)
  - ▶ Paid by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- ▶ Second instalment - £30
  - ▶ Paid by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- ▶ Third instalment - £30
  - ▶ Paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January
- ▶ Fourth instalment - £30
  - ▶ Paid by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- ▶ Fifth instalment - £30
  - ▶ Paid by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- ▶ Sixth instalment - £30
  - ▶ Paid by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April