

Preparation

For some this week may be their first week away, whilst others may be more experienced travellers! Whatever the case there will be some anxiety and we are sensitive to this. To help your child have a successful and enjoyable week we offer the following guidance.

- ✓ Ensure that they fully understand the code of conduct
- ✓ Pack a reminder of home, a teddy or picture
- ✓ Involve them in packing; they will need to pack themselves on Friday!
- ✓ Ensure they can carry their luggage themselves!
- ✓ Tell us if there is a birthday or special event during the visit
- ✓ Be prepared for tired children!



Programme

We will leave school and travel to Hooke on Wednesday morning.

You should therefore arrive at school at normal time, if it is wet we will put bags in the hall.

We will depart school at 10.00am, you are welcome to wave us off, but if you feel this may be more challenging for your child then you can follow your normal school drop off routine.

We shall arrive back at school on Friday at 2.30pm. If your child is using the normal school bus at the end of the day please let us know.

Sweets and Cameras!

The children can take a small supply of sweets, but they are only away for a few days so there is no need to clear Tesco's! If the sweets can be put in a plastic box and handed to a member of staff then the consumption can be rationed!

All the staff will be taking lots of pictures but a disposable camera is a good idea for the children.

Please no electronic games or mobile phones.

Medicines

We will take all the medical details for your child that we have on our school records. If there is additional information that we need to be aware of please use the accompanying forms. All medicines need to be labelled and handed to Mrs Lock on Wednesday morning.

Contact Details

Please note that we do not want the children to use the phone to contact home. If there is a real need for us to contact you we will phone you immediately, so you can safely assume that no news is good news!

If you need to contact us we would ask you to do it through the school.

However, if the school is closed then the contact details for Hooke Court are;

Hooke Court, Hooke,

Dorset DT8 3NX

Tel: 01308 862260

Email: info@hookecourt.co.uk

Hooke Court 2023



A guide for parents and children

Introduction

At Piddle Valley CE First School we believe that residential visits form an important part of a child's personal and social development, as well as developing a feeling of independence and self reliance. As such our residential has two main aims. Personal development and educational in that it fulfils a key part of the PE curriculum.

Not only that, it will also provide memories that will last a life time!



Safety

Your child's safety is always our first concern. As part of the planning for the visit a detailed risk assessment has taken place, which you are welcome to view if you wish. Part of this risk assessment is a code of conduct. We would be very grateful if you could review this with your child before we leave. As discussed at the meeting where children do not keep to the agreed code they may be sent home.

As part of the induction at Hooke we shall have a full fire safety talk and drill. Your child will be supervised at all times.

At night the children will be secure in their rooms and school staff rooms will be spaced along their corridors. The school staff will also have told the children where the staff rooms are and how to contact staff if needed.

All centre staff have a current CRB check and the centre is secured at night. The centre has full links with the local GP.