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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 4 Residential Information - April 2026

The Dearne Valley Year 4 Residential visit is fast approaching, so we wanted to get in touch regarding final details for the trip. We hope your child is looking forward to their stay.

We have a reservation for our four federation schools (Barlow, Burton Salmon, Chapel Haddlesey and Hensall), for a one night/two day stay at the PGL Outdoor Adventure Centre at Dearne Valley: [Residential and Outdoor Activity Centre Dearne Valley Yorkshire](#) (previously a Kingswood site) leaving on **Monday 27th April 2026 and returning on Tuesday 28th April 2026.**

Travel arrangements: Woods Coaches will be making only one pick up and drop off from Hensall School. This is to keep the cost of the coach competitive and to allow for everyone to arrive at the Dearne Valley site for 10:00 am ready to start our morning activities. **The coach will depart from Hensall Primary School, Church Lane, Hensall DN14 0QQ at 9:00 am prompt. Please could parents and carers drop the children off at Hensall Primary on Monday 27th April by 8:30 am at the latest.** Hensall's Breakfast Club will be open from 7:45 am for any Year 4 child that needs to be dropped off earlier. Please let us know if this is something that you will need and we can book your child in. For the return journey on Tuesday 28th April, the group will set off from Dearne Valley at 1:30 pm and will arrive back at Hensall Primary for approximately 2:30 pm. Please can you arrange for your child to be collected from Hensall School between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Guest Menus: Please find attached a copy of the example menus. Our group will be eating in the restaurant for Monday lunchtime, Monday dinner and Tuesday breakfast. The children and staff will have a packed lunch, prepared by the centre, before they set off on the Tuesday, which the children will choose ahead of their visit. Please rest assured that our Heads of school will have already notified the centre of any allergies, medical conditions or dietary preferences before the start of the visit.

Kit List and residential activities: Dearne Valley have sent us a handy **'What to pack'** list for any weather eventuality (attached). Please ensure bags and clothes are labelled. Please note that you will need to provide a sleeping bag or duvet and a pillow for your child. Sheets for the beds are provided, but they have introduced an additional charge for bedding, and we tried to keep the cost of the trip down. Across the 2 days, the children will be split into three groups, and all children will have the opportunity to take part in the following exciting activities: zip wire, indoor climbing, problem solving, high equilibrium and an evening activity called Ambush. Please provide a named water bottle that can be filled in the dining hall during the day to prevent dehydration.

Accommodation: There is dormitory-style accommodation with rooms ranging from 4 to 10 beds, with bathroom and shower facilities close by.



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Calpol: Should your child feel unwell whilst on the residential with a minor complaint for which the staff believe administering Calpol would help, we will take Calpol 6+ for general use by all parties. Please send an email to the school office admin@hensall.n-yorks.sch.uk by **Friday 17th April 2026** to give your consent that Calpol may be given.

Sun cream: If we are lucky enough to have sunshine for the outdoor activities, school will provide sun cream to those who have consented. If you did not consent to this, please provide sun cream for your child or contact the school office to update your consent.

Additional information: The children are welcome to bring £5.00 to spend in the centre's souvenir shop, in a named, sealed envelope. Please remember that mobile phones, smart watches, tablets etc. are not permitted on the trip.

As a group, we have asked for our children **not** to be included in any of the Dearne Valley social media platforms. Our staff will be taking school cameras and adhering to the photo permissions previously given by families on the child record forms.

In the event of an emergency and you need to contact the centre, the phone number for the Dearne Valley centre is: **0800 655 6564**.

We hope you agree that this will be an exciting visit for our Year 4 children to mix with the other schools and make some wonderful memories.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Lindley
Head of School

