

To: Parents/Carers of Year 8 Pupils

Our Ref: 87619701

1 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Year 8 Ribblesdale Visit

South Hunsley School is delighted to offer all Year 8 pupils a three-day residential personal development visit to Stainforth in Ribblesdale, between Monday 1 July and Friday 12 July 2024. Precise dates will depend on your child's tutor group (please see overleaf).

**Following feedback, we have decided to extend the deadline for signing up to the visit to move it away from Christmas. The deadline for signing up will now be March 1 2024. A £75 non-refundable deposit will be required by this date instead of the original date.**

Thank you to those who have already completed the sign-up form for Ribblesdale 2024. Interest so far has been great, with a significant portion of the year group completing the form already. Many have paid a deposit but have not completed the sign-up form as well. Please can I ask that you complete the sign-up form (<https://forms.office.com/e/TdcQdZ2Vdh>) if you haven't done so yet so that we can allocate your payments correctly.

The Ribblesdale visit is an exciting opportunity to introduce pupils to a range of outdoor activities and build on our whole school aim of fostering strong communities. The visit will support pupils in their personal and social development in an interesting and stimulating environment. A key element of this is in supporting pupils to widen their existing circles of friendship. Our older pupils always talk very fondly of their Ribblesdale experience, and it really does contribute to being part of our South Hunsley Community.

Activities will include team building exercises, caving, initiative tests, mountain biking and walking. Although these activities are challenging, we anticipate that the activities will be well within the scope of all pupils. All activities are conducted under the supervision of instructors and school colleagues, who hold the necessary qualifications that are legally required to ensure the safety of these activities. Pupils may discover that the challenging and exciting nature of this visit inspires them to take advantage of some of the other activities and visits organised by South Hunsley School.

Pupils will spend two nights in tents and/or bunk barn accommodation during the three days. Owing to the nature of the visit, pupils must be reliable and trustworthy at all times. Therefore, any pupil with an unsatisfactory behaviour record may be excluded from the visit.

There have been some common queries which I would like to address just in case other parents/carers have similar questions.

- Pupils will travel with their form groups unless exceptional circumstances require a change of group, which we will strive to facilitate. Special consideration will be given at the school's discretion. Each visit consists of three form groups (up to 90 pupils) and your child is able to mix outside of their form where possible.
- Pupils do not need to share a tent with members of their form groups. They are welcome to share tents across the groups that are going on each wave. They do not need to decide upon tent groups until the last moment.
- For pupils with medical or physical limitations which may make one or more activities inaccessible, we will alter the programme to ensure that they still have a fulfilling experience.
- Occasionally pupils have medical or physical requirements which mean they need to sleep in the bunk barn. We would encourage pupils to try camping but can have a small number of pupils in the bunk barn.
- There are some facilities for charging phones etc. These are not in a secure area and are used entirely at the pupil's own risk.

To secure your child's place on this visit please complete the link to the medical form <https://forms.office.com/e/TdcQdZ2Vdh>.

As a school we try to ensure the costs of all our visits are minimised so that as many pupils as possible can take advantage of these valuable learning experiences. In this case, to be able to offer the visit we are requesting a contribution of £245 per pupil. If the level of contributions fails to cover the costs then the visit may be cancelled. Where this happens, all monies will be returned.

You can make your contribution payment by using our secure internet payment site <https://www.parentmail.co.uk>. If you require any assistance in using this site or if you need your login details then please e-mail [finance@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:finance@southhunsley.org.uk). If you do not have access to the internet then please contact the Finance department via telephone on 01482 631208 to arrange an alternative method of payment. Parents/carers are welcome to pay the cost over time by making smaller frequent payments or by organising a payment plan with the finance office.

Tutor Group	Date of Visit
8.10, 8.11 & 8.12	1-3 July 2024
8.7, 8.8 & 8.9	3-5 July 2024
8.4, 8.5 & 8.6	8-10 July 2024
8.1, 8.2 & 8.3	10-12 July 2024

# SOUTH HUNSLEY

inspire · aspire

East Dale Road  
Melton, North Ferriby  
East Yorkshire, HU14 3HS

Tel: 01482 631208  
Fax: 01482 636703

enquiries@southhunsley.org.uk  
southhunsley.org.uk

Yours faithfully



Sandy Loynd  
**Visit Leader**



The Education Alliance (operating as South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College) is a charitable limited company registered in England and Wales No. 7542211 whose registered office is at the above address.

