Residential Educational Visit – Fairplay House
Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th March, 2026



What is Fairplay House?

Fairplay Outdoor Education Centre offers a wide range of land and water-based activities for schools, businesses, youth groups and clubs.

Highlights of the centre:

- Fairplay House: Sole residential occupancy sleeping up to 60 pupils & 6 staff
- A spectacular and inspiring 12-acre natural location less than 1 hour drive from London (45 minutes direct train from London Liverpool Street)
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meals are freshly prepared on site
- A large range of tailored, flexible Outdoor Education Programmes
- Highly qualified and experienced instructors: All staff at Fairplay Outdoor Education Centre have approved enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks in place and all staff hold Safeguarding certificates. The Manager and two Senior Instructors are Designated Safeguarding Leads. All instructors have first aid qualifications in place as do most of the catering and domestic staff
- Accreditation: All activities and the equipment used is regularly checked. Fairplay OEC holds the Learning outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge
- Insurance: Fairplay Outdoor Education Centre is covered by London Borough of Newham's Insurance, who have Employer Liability Insurance and Public Liability Insurance up to £50,000,000

Accommodation









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Communication:

Please only contact Fairplay House in case of a real emergency!

No news - from us or from you - is good news.

Why a residential visit? Why Fairplay House?

The location and facilities at Fairplay House give your children the opportunity of learning and developing skills in a completely different – and beautiful – environment whilst enjoying outdoor activities.

The aim of this visit is to develop the following skills:

- Communication
- Listening skills
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Independence

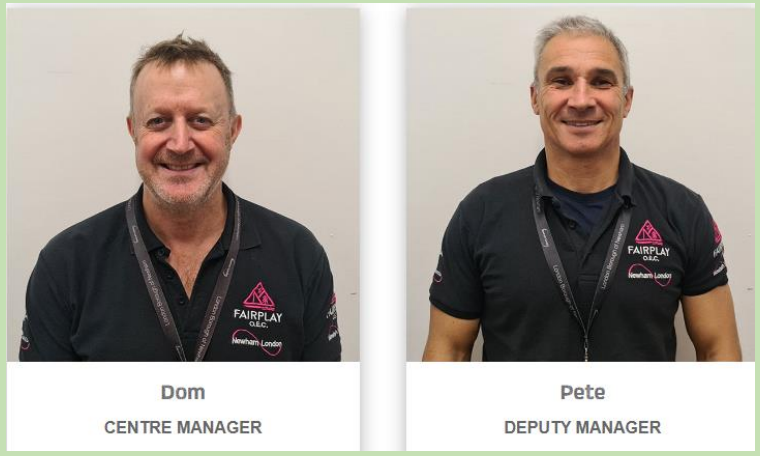


Pupils and staff

- 48 pupils: 30 Year 6 pupils and 18 Year 5 pupils. 19 boys and 29 girls.
- 4 members of our staff:
  - Mrs Buckle (HoS and Safeguarding Lead at Fairplay House)
  - Mrs Walker (AHT and Inclusion Lead)
  - Mr Chapman (6P class teacher)
  - Mr Luxmoore (4K class teacher)

Staff at Fairplay House:

- Two adults per activity group - 4 groups in total for outdoor activities
- Staff at the house.



What to bring and what not to bring:

If your child brings a disposable camera, this needs to be handed in to a member of staff on Wednesday 11th March.
For safeguarding reasons, under no circumstances will children be allowed to keep cameras in their bedrooms.

EQUIPMENT LIST

Each item of clothing etc. should be clearly marked with the pupil's name.

- Bedding: please provide your child with a sleeping bag. If children do not have a sleeping bag, they are able to bring a single duvet cover and a duvet will be provided at the house
- Complete changes of underwear and socks (enough for their stay + 2 spare)
- Three warm sweaters or sweatshirts
- Enough shirts, T shirts or similar for their stay (1 per day + 2 spare)
- At least two pairs of trousers or tracksuit bottoms: please note that jeans are not suitable for water sports' courses
- At least two pairs of old trainers
- Pyjamas
- Two towels
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap flannel, etc.)
- One pair of indoor slippers or extra pair of trainers for indoor use
- A showerproof/waterproof coat or anorak
- A plastic carrier bag (for wet/muddy wellington boots)
- A disposable camera
- Hair bands to tie up long hair if applicable
- A watch

Summer Courses (May to Sept)	**Winter Courses** (Oct to April)
Shorts	Extra warm sweaters
Swimming costume	Gloves, woollen hat or similar
Sun hat	Scarf
Sun cream	Wellington boots (we have a limited supply)

What not to bring

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches with connectivity to the internet (i.e. able to receive or make phonecalls)
- Tablets
- Jewellery

Disclaimer notice: It is essential for both children and parents to understand that the school will not be held responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to personal property that occurs during this residential visit, including anywhere in the coach or at Fairplay House.

Pocket money:

If students wish to make purchases from the Centre's shop, it would be useful to bring change (coins) rather than notes.
Please hand in the money to a member of staff on Wednesday 11th March.

The maximum amount allowed is £5.



	Item	Price
1.	Pen or pencil	£1.00
2.	Rulers	£1.50
3.	Fleur Highlighter set	£1.75
4.	Erasers	£0.75
5.	Pencil sharpener	£1.00
6.	Torch	£3.20
7.	Rainbow spring	£1.75
8.	Pocket pad and pen set	£1.75
9.	Foam stress ball	£1.75
10.	Water bottle (500ml)	£3.20
11.	Bendy Men	£1.80
12.	Glitter Mug	£3.00
13.	Puzzle Keyring	£1.50
14.	Mystery Bag	£5

Snacks



- Children do not need to bring snacks (including drinks) with them
- They will not be allowed to eat anything in the coach
- We encourage to send your children with healthy snacks rather than crisps, chocolates or sweets. Please do not send any juice cartons or bottles.
- If children bring any snacks, please keep them to a minimum and pack them in a carrier bag.
- We are a ‘nut-free’ school and some children in the group suffer from serious allergies.
- Children will hand in their snacks to a member of staff on arrival to FP House. Our staff will agree on a convenient time for children to have their snacks.
- **For health and safety reasons, under no circumstances will children be allowed to keep or consume snacks in their bedrooms or bags.**

Travel Arrangements:

- Departure – Wednesday 11th March
- **Please ensure that your child has had a proper breakfast before leaving home**
- Gather at John Perry by 8:30am in the Juniors' Hall to ensure prompt departure
- Departure at 9:30am (at the very latest) from Western Avenue by coach
- Arrival at Fairplay House will be approximately at 10:30/11:00am
- Please do not provide your child with snacks for the journey. Children will have lunch on arrival.



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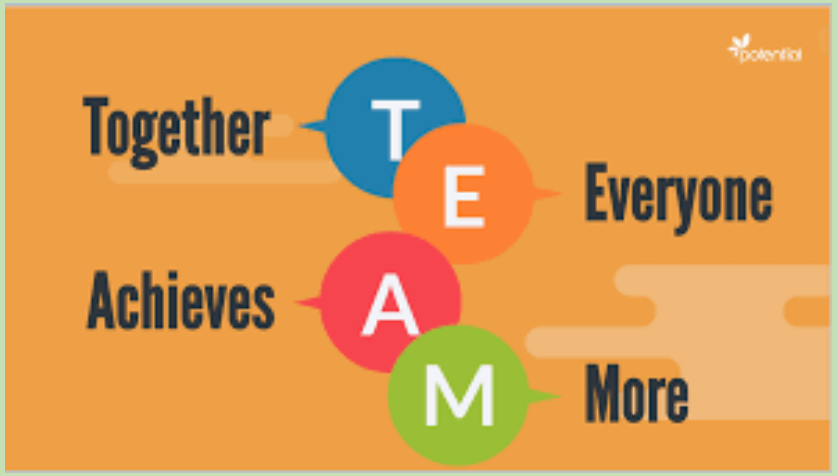


- Return journey - Friday 13th March
- Children will have breakfast and lunch at Fairplay House
- Depart Faiplay House at 13:30
- Arrival at school will be approximately at 15:00 (TOA will be confirmed on the day – please keep your phones at hand!)
- Coach will park at Western Avenue. Parents, please wait for your children in the Juniors' playground (Juniors' hall is it's raining).
- Children will be dismissed as normal – please do not just take your child!

House duties

Children will be expected to carry out different duties around the house, always under adult supervision:

- Serve breakfast/dinner
- Operate dishwasher
- Set up and tidy up dining room
- Tidy up own dorms/bedrooms



Dormitory arrangements



Boys and girls will sleep in different floors of the house, supervised by 2 members of John Perry staff in each floor.

Single-sex bedrooms.

Bedroom groups: 3-10 children in each room.

Children are responsible for their own belongings and tidying up their rooms.

Bedtime: 9:30pm – 10:00pm

Wake up call: 7:15am, followed by breakfast at 8:00am

Daily inspection of the bedrooms!

Staff have their own bedrooms.
These are conveniently located to ensure the safety of the children.

Daily schedule:



Outdoor activities (4)

Activity groups: 12 children per group.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Date: 11/3/2026 **School/Group: John Perry**

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session	Evening Session
Wednesday	Arrive 11:15 -11:30 Induction and settle in.	1 = Canoeing 2 = Giant Swing 3 = Caving 4 = Zip Line	Night Walk FPH Staff
Thursday	1 = Zip Line 2 = Canoeing 3 = Giant Swing 4 = Caving	1 = Caving 2 = Zip Line 3 = Canoeing 4 = Giant Swing	School Activity
Friday	1 = Giant Swing 2 = Caving 3 = Zip Line 4 = Canoeing	Debrief and leave 13:30	

Please note that there may be times when the staff may have to use appropriate physical contact to ensure the safety of your child and success of the activity.













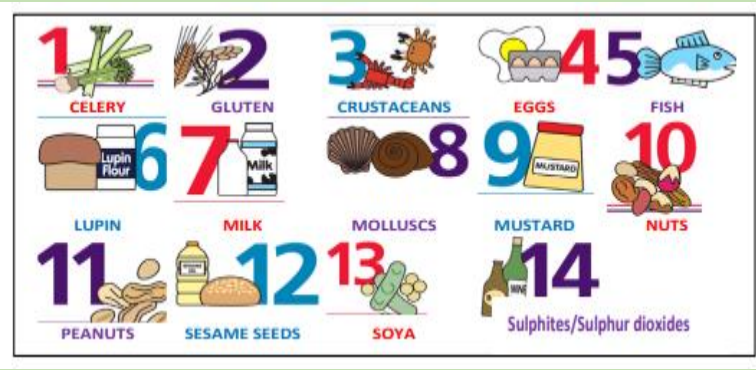
Meals and snacks

The school has informed Fairplay House about allergies, dietary needs and religious food choices.

All meals are prepared on site on the day.

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Dessert
Monday	Welcome to Fairplay House, we hope you enjoy your stay. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or allergens	Buffet lunch: a variety of salads, meat, cheese, hummus and eggs served with roast potatoes, bread, fruit and a sweet treat *2, 4, 5, 7*	Fish or vegetarian fingers served with chips, peas and salad *2, 5, 13*	Chocolate éclair *2, 4, 7, 13*
Tuesday	Cereals and milk, croissants or toast served with preserves Fruit salad and fruit juice *2, 4, 7*	Sandwich or roll filled with a choice of fillings: tuna, ham, hummus, egg mayonnaise or cheese and salad, a bag of crisps and a sweet treat *2, 4, 5, 7*	Chicken (H, NH) or Quorn fajitas served with potato wedges and salad *2*	Ice cream and peaches *7*
Wednesday	Cereals and milk, toast served with baked beans or preserves Fruit salad and fruit juice *2, 4, 7*	Sandwich or roll filled with a choice of fillings: tuna, ham, hummus, egg mayonnaise or cheese and salad, a bag of crisps and a sweet treat *2, 4, 5, 7*	Thank you for coming! We hope you enjoyed your stay. Take care ☺	

H = Halal option NH = Non-halal option V = Vegetarian option



Medication and children with special needs.

The school has provided Fairplay House with a medical risk assessment.

School staff are aware of individual needs and will have copies of care plans and timings/dosage for any medication required.

Children are not allowed to keep any medication in their bags or bedrooms. This must be handed to a member of staff.

All medication will be kept by school staff at all times.



What happens now?

- Think about what your child already has or needs for Fairplay House – avoid to buy new clothes as much as possible!
- If medication is required, please ensure this is given to the school before Wednesday 11th March
- Speak to your child about expected behaviour and attitude

If you or your child feel a bit anxious, that is completely normal.

Please rest assured that we will do everything in our power to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your children.

