

LONDON RESIDENTIAL TRIP
20 to 24 January 2020



Dear Parents

We will be taking year 6 (currently year 5) pupils from Combe Martin and Woolacombe Schools and year 5 & 6 pupils from Bampton on a Residential visit to London in the Spring next year.

We will stay at Baden Powell House, next to the Natural History Museum, and hope to include some of the following places of interest in our programme:

The Science Museum & IMAX, the Palace of Westminster - both the House of Lords and the House of Commons - the Tower of London, The London Eye & River Cruise, Covent Garden, Westminster Abbey, the Natural History Museum and a West End Show!

The cost of this trip will be £320 which includes accommodation, food, theatre tickets and admission costs. The cost is based on a minimum number of children attending. If this number is not met, the trip may be cancelled.

Please confirm that you would like your child to go on this trip by returning the slip below with a deposit payment of £60 by **Friday 13th September 2019**. Final numbers will be taken on this day. Payments can be made online in the usual way.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your Head of School if you have any questions about this trip (there are FAQs on the back of this letter). There will be an initial parents meeting in school on Friday 6th September at 3.15pm.

Looking forward to another brilliant visit to London!

Senior Leadership Team
Bampton, Combe Martin and Woolacombe Schools

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I would like my child«First_Name» «Last_Name»..... to be considered for the above trip and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £50.00.

I agree that I will contribute the full sum (the cost of the trip).

*We do advise that you find suitable cancellation insurance in the event of illness. We have to pay for each venue, the transport and the accommodation in advance. Therefore please be aware the **total cost** of the visit will still be payable should you cancel at any time up to departure.*

Signed

Date

FAQs:

Does my child wear uniform for this trip?

Yes. This is for the purposes of safeguarding and clear identification. Children will also be given a Red Residential coat to borrow for the trip and a black day rucksack. The coats help keep the children warm and dry in the January weather and also help staff to identify children in busy areas. The children look extremely smart and we are frequently complimented for their appearance and behaviour on such trips.

London is a busy place even in January - how do you move around in a safe way?

We take safety very seriously on every trip and, for London, run a series of briefings and practice drills with the children about how to walk around in London; how to approach a road crossing and how to cross roads. We run these drills in a very tight fashion so that the children know exactly what to do when we arrive in London. In our experience the children do brilliantly from the moment we alight from the train, because of these practice drills.

All children will have a wristband with emergency numbers which they wear for the duration of the residential.

What about the underground?

For the underground we have a tried and tested method of boarding and disembarking the trains and we practise this with the children in the drills mentioned above. We also liaise with the duty guard upon entering underground stations so that they can alert guards at relevant stations of our intended movements.

Is there any way I can keep an eye on what my child is up to during the trip?

Yes - we will be tweeting at regular intervals and we are currently investigating an "app" which parents can log into for updates. However any use of social media does need to comply with our safeguarding policy and we will therefore update you nearer the time about how we intend on keeping you informed whilst on the trip.

My child has allergies, what do you do about that?

You will be sent home an SOE3 in September to fill out which we will use for the trip.

Which room will my child be in and with whom?

Your child will discuss this with their teacher nearer the time and will give the teacher two names that they would prefer to share with. Normally room allocation is done en route to London with the most up to date rooming plan from the hotels. We always take into consideration each child's friendships and preferences.

I have more questions!

That's totally fine! Your school will hold a parents meeting at the beginning of September where you will get the chance to ask any further questions.