

Dear Parents

We are SO excited that the Year 2 Sleepover is nearly here! We have planned and run this event many times over the years

This year's sleepover will take place on: **Friday 14th June** from **6:30PM**, with **collection by 9:00AM the following morning please!**

We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity once more to our current Year 2s to celebrate the end of their KS1 experience and give them a little taster of what a night away from home is like, in preparation for future residentials (as well as a night off for you!).

Through our research and experience of this event over the years, we have learnt that:

- Many children have never stayed away from home without parents/grandparents.
- Children who attended Y2 sleepovers felt more confident to attend residentials in Y4/Y6.
- The Y2 sleepover builds positive relationships amongst peers and staff.
- The Y2 sleepover can support the transition into Y3 as their new teachers attend.

**This year, we are asking for a donation of £10 cash per child please - this will cover the cost of ALL food, drinks and snacks, plus any crafty activities.**

Any leftover money will be used for an end of year treat for Year 2.

Here's a little example of how the sleepover usually works - times are obviously flexible:

6:30 PM - children arrive to be signed in, art/craft activities for children during sign in

7:30 PM - dinner time followed by a twilight playtime on the playground (they LOVE this!)

8:30 PM - get ready for bed, then movie and hot chocolate

10:15 PM- teeth brushed and into bed, before LIGHTS OUT

07:00 AM (wishful thinking, we know!) - get up & have some breakfast

08:00 AM - tidy up, get ready to leave and enjoy a little play time whilst waiting to be collected

09:00 AM - Home time!

As it is only one night away from home, they won't need much! Please **DO NOT BRING** any electronics, e.g. iPads.

**Here is a packing list:**

- PJs + slippers if wanted
- Sleeping bag + pillow
- Small/regular sized teddy bear + book to read in the morning for early risers!
- Water bottle
- Toothbrush, toothpaste + flannel/soap

Obviously, we would absolutely love for all children to be able to attend, but we understand that some of you will already have family commitments for this date or reservations. If you are feeling unsure, here are some answers to questions that we get asked most frequently:

**Who attends the event?**

Obviously, this event is only possible as our staff give up their time to attend voluntarily. NO ONE else will be able to enter the building once children have signed in. The Year 2 teachers and support staff will be there, along with Mrs Blakeley and Mrs Hunter so you can be assured that your children are in safe hands with their trusted adults from this year.

**How are children kept safe?**

All doors are locked and staff supervise children at all times. We know your children's medical and allergy needs already, but if there have been any changes, please tell us immediately.

**What if my child needs medication?**

We can administer that for them, no problem - you'll just have to sign permission as normal.

**Do all children attend this event?**

In our experience, most children attend - 50-55 out of 60 children have come on previous events.

**Where do children sleep?**

Children bring sleeping bags and we get the gym mats out for them to lay on. Some children ask to bring small blow up beds, which is fine as long as they are single sized and children can easily pack them away!

**Where do children go to the toilet and get changed?**

We keep Yellow/Turquoise classrooms open all night. Staff use and change in the staff toilets.

**Where do the adults sleep?**

Adults sleep next to the doors and in the corners of the hall so children can easily find their trusted grown up in the dim light. At least one adult also sleeps in the corridor in case any children get up.

**What if my child cannot get to sleep?**

In our experience, they are so exhausted after a twilight playtime that they do fall asleep as soon as the movie finishes, if not before! We will always try to console children if they are sad and if it all becomes too much, of course we will call you.

If you have any other queries, please come to see us as we would love to put your mind at rest!