



Rhos-y-gwaliau (RYG) 2020 Parent Information



When are we going? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leave Sunday 19th January 2020• Return on Friday 24th January 2020• 5 Nights away, activities from Sunday evening to Friday lunchtime	How much does it cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The cost this year will be £268 for 5 nights' board and lodgings. There are no other charges.• You may pay by instalments from the start of the Autumn Term (there are 15 term time weeks until we go, which is £17.87 a week!).• We encourage the children to help pay for the trip by saving pocket money and Christmas money etc.• We usually receive a grant from the Berkshire Outdoor Education Trust (BOET). We use the money to pay for transport and tuition and where possible, to reduce the charge made to parents. Each child has been subsidised by £50. <p>If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, there are further reductions available (please see Mrs Greenaway or Mrs Burton for details).</p>
Who can go? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The School Journey is an important part of the Year 6 curriculum (i.e. PSHE, PE, Geography) and we encourage all children to go on the trip.• RYG can accommodate the whole of our Year 6 cohort.• We reserve the right not to take any child whose behaviour at school (including trips and clubs) suggests that they will (a) endanger themselves or others; (b) disrupt the learning and enjoyment of others; (c) fail to follow instructions; or (d) be rude to others. Expectations will be clearly laid out at the first RYG meeting.	What do the children do at RYG? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rock climbing / Beach scrambling• Gorge walking• Canoeing• Mine exploration• Orienteering & Map reading• Mountain hike• Problem solving and team challenges• Swimming (at a local pool)
Why go to RYG? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build self-esteem & confidence• Improve communication and listening skills• Develop thinking skills (e.g. problem solving)• Personal and social development (e.g. taking responsibility and working with others)• Responsibility for the environment• Responsibility for own health and safety• Trying new activities and learning new skills	What do they eat? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast (juice, cereal, toast, tea or coffee).• Packed lunch & drink taken to activities.• Three-course evening meal.• Hot drink before bed.• Vegetarians and food allergies catered for.• We strongly discourage the children bringing large quantities of chocolate, crisps, fizzy drinks as RYG provides plenty of food!
Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children stay in dormitories (girls and boys are separated)• Staff bedrooms located next to the dormitories.• We are the only group on site.• Building secured by teaching staff at night.• Children's common room.	

<p>How do we get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We travel to RYG by luxury coach with on board toilet. • The journey takes approximately 5 hours, including 60 minute lunch stop. • Children need to provide their own packed lunch for journey to RYG. • Children travel by 16 seat minibuses to activities. 	<p>What to pack?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment needed for activities is supplied by the centre (including fleece, waterproofs, rucksack and walking boots). • Children will need a single duvet cover, pillow case, water bottle, lunch box and unbreakable (i.e. no glass inside!) flask. • A full list of clothes and other essentials is enclosed with the written information. • £20-25 spending money maximum (but, not required). • No mobile phones. • We recommend disposable cameras only.
<p>Application Form (OHA2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be completed and signed. • Please fill in the back of the form too – tell us about minor allergies (e.g. hayfever, problems with plasters or particular medicines), dietary requirements / food allergies, other information that would be useful (e.g. bedwetting, possible homesickness). • Keep us updated if things change. 	<p>RYG Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RYG Club will run as a breakfast club for a week beginning <u>Monday 13th January to Friday 17th January</u>. • No charge. • Recommended, but not a requirement. • Useful pre-trip preparation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team building ○ Independence ○ Problem solving ○ Fitness / Stamina ○ Songs ○ Practice skills (e.g. climbing)
<p>What happens next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications open as of now. • £40 deposit and application form (OHA2), statement of risk and behaviour guidelines due by Friday 8th November. • RYG paid in full by <u>Friday 3rd January</u>. • RYG Club will run as a breakfast club for a week beginning <u>Monday 13th January to Friday 17th January</u>. <p>Update meeting for parents <u>Tuesday 7th January</u>.</p>	<p>Cancellation & Refund Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be in writing to the Headteacher. • For cancellations prior to <u>8th November</u>, you will receive a full refund of any money paid, including your deposit. • For cancellations between <u>9th November and 22nd December</u>, you will lose your deposit (£40). • After that date (4 weeks until departure), we regret that there will be no refund – and you may be liable for the full cost of the trip - unless there is a legitimate reasons for cancellation (e.g. serious illness, family bereavement) or we can find a replacement (this is because RYG will charge us).
<p>More Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have further questions, feel free to talk to Mrs Burton (Trip Organiser). • Call us on 0118 937 5551 or e-mail us at admin@thameside.reading.sch.uk • Web: www.thameside.reading.sch.uk/ • Visit www.rygoutdoor.co.uk to learn more about RYG. 	