



A guide for parents/carers who have a child taking part in the visit to

BAMBURGH

Monday 17th June – Thursday 20th June 2024

Hotel

Sunningdale Hotel
Luckier Road
Bamburgh
NE69 7BS



EXTENDED TRIP - BAMBURGH

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1. The Party

The party will consist of 38 children, 4 members of staff and 2 adult helpers plus the coach driver. Your child will be sharing a room with a friend or friends and will be in a group with their friends for the activities. The party group will go everywhere together but being in a group with known group leaders gives your child a sense of security and will aid their learning and maintain safety.

2. Travelling

A coach will take us to Bamburgh via Beamish on Monday 17th June and remain on call for the whole of our stay. Your child can make travelling more pleasant for everyone if certain rules are adhered to. Seatbelts must be worn at all times whilst travelling. Kneeling on seats, leaning forward between seats or out into the aisle will not be tolerated for health and safety reasons.

If your child suffers from travel sickness medication may help. Ensure that your child has a tablet before setting out for school on 17th June and please provide enough tablets for the boat trip and the return journey. To maximize safety, we would be grateful if the tablets were put in a separate and clearly labelled envelope, stating the dosage, given to staff on the morning of departure.

3. Behaviour and Safety

Most adult members of the party have accompanied us on previous trips, and have experience of residential visits, and take their responsibilities very seriously indeed, safety is of paramount importance. The adult/child ratio on this trip is excellent. Safety is maintained by vigilant staff, through organisation and clear guidelines of behaviour for the children.

Whilst in the hotel, poor behaviour such as running downstairs or rowdiness at bedtime is not acceptable and will be dealt with by school staff. Children will be expected to keep their own rooms tidy and be polite to hotel staff.

Bedrooms of all adults on the trip will be well distributed around the hotel. This enables them to hear the children at night and deal with any problems that arise. Children will be made aware of the location of staff bedrooms. Once the children go to bed the adults will do a 'tuck-in and settle-down' patrol every ten to fifteen minutes until everyone is asleep. There are some important points regarding safety that you will need to stress to your child.

Please support us by ensuring that your child understands the importance of doing exactly what he/she is told whilst on the trip. The enjoyment and safety of the individual as well as the whole group depends on this.

Good behaviour is of great importance at bedtime. 'High Jinks' may seem like fun but leads to tired children and even more tired adults! This also means that children do not get the most out of each day's busy programme.

Your child is representing Sutton Road Primary School. Large school parties inevitably attract attention and opinions are quickly formed. We expect our children to be polite, well-mannered and courteous when dealing with all adults, hotel staff, and when mixing with other members of the public.

4. Home Sickness/Illness/Emergencies/Medicines

If homesickness occurs, it is usually very short lived and will be dealt with sympathetically and attentively by the staff. Whilst home is never forgotten, the busy schedule means that the children are either happily occupied or asleep! Children are not allowed to phone home unless in a very exceptional circumstance and this will be supervised by a member of staff. Please stamp (1st class please) and address an envelope which will be provided so that your child can send a postcard home on the first day, which should reach home before we do.

If a child is taken ill, the staff need your permission in advance to give First Aid or to act as a sensible parent would if medical treatment is needed. Obviously, you would be contacted immediately if a serious problem occurred. You will be asked to fill in a parent consent form and return it to school, as it is very important we have this information.

If you have an emergency at home and need to get in contact with the party urgently, please ring Mrs Severn at school on **01623 455920** during school hours, or after school hours on **07969 848652**. She will be able to contact the party quickly and help you with your problem.

If your child needs regular medication whether, tablet, liquid or inhaler please ensure that you write the details for administering it and dosage on the box/bag that it is kept in and hand to staff on the Monday morning we depart.

5. Pocket Money

Whilst all entrance fees and meals are already paid for, your child will no doubt want to buy small souvenirs and have an ice cream or two. We recommend that children have a total of £15 pocket money as follows:

- Monday No money required – postcards can be purchased in advance
- Tuesday £5 in a purse/wallet that zips and is labelled
- Wednesday £5 in a labelled envelope or zipped food bag
- Thursday £5 in a labelled envelope or zipped food bag

These will be collected by staff on the Monday morning and will be given to your child on a daily basis. It is not essential for your child to have this amount of spending money; it is an upper limit! Please do not send your child with any extra money as this will be given back to you on our return.

6. Drinks and Snacks

The hotel does not allow any food in the bedrooms so we ask that you do not send your child with 'extras' for different days or for midnight feasts as we have a collection on the first evening and leave all food downstairs. We can assure you that we do take extra drinks and snacks for each day to keep them fed and watered!

Although we are still in school time we do relax the rules slightly on residential visits in relation to sweets and do allow children to bring sweets on trips, however, it is up to the coach driver as to whether they will be allowed these on the journey.

We do ask that you still provide your child with lunch and plenty of drinks for the first day. The hotel provide each child with a water bottle as a souvenir that they can refill as and when needed.



7. Clothing and Equipment List

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING CLEARLY

Best clothes are not needed. A plentiful supply of comfortable clothing is ideal.

- A PE style bag or small rucksack for daily use **containing lunch and drinks for Monday!**

- Socks and pants for four days, plus a couple of spares
- Trousers, jogging bottoms, leggings, jeans and shorts (please note jogging bottoms/leggings are easier to dry than jeans in case we get wet!)
- Shirts and T-shirts
- A warm jumper/hoodie or two
- Nightwear
- Swimwear, beach towel and suntan lotion
- Sunhat - especially for the Farne Islands
- Plastic carrier bag for dirty washing
- Waterproof coat / jacket
- Trainers or comfortable non-slip shoes for walking
- Wellingtons or sandals for rock pooling
- Shower gel, shampoo, bath towel, hairbrush, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Book/comic/small game or soft toy (to keep them occupied on the journey)
- A fishing net, bucket and spade if you have one (small and named)

Optional Extras

- Camera (a disposable one or reasonably priced digital camera is ideal), binoculars (only if your child can look after them themselves)
- Reference book of birds (small)
- Slippers for wearing around the hotel

DO NOT BRING

- Computer games/tablet
- Hairdryer or straighteners
- Mobile phone or devices



8. Itinerary

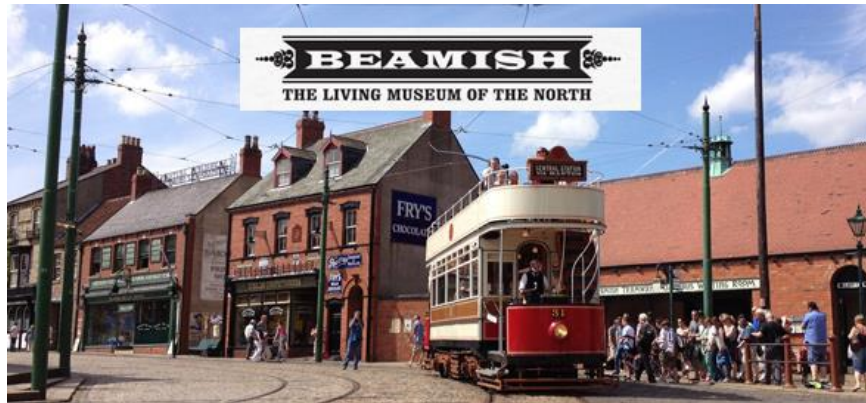
DAY ONE – Monday 17th June

7.30 a.m. Arrive at school – Sutton Road Primary School

8.00 a.m. Depart from school

Stop off at services on A1 – Leeming Bar

11.00 a.m. Arrive at Beamish, The North of England Open Air Museum, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG



3.30 p.m. Depart from Beamish

5.30 p.m. Arrive at Sunningdale Hotel, 21-23 Lucker Road, Bamburgh, NE69 7BS

6.00 p.m. Evening meal

7.00 p.m. Activities on the Green



9.00 p.m. Bedtime

DAY TWO – Tuesday 18th June

A.M. Boat Trip around the Farne Islands, departing from Seahouses



P.M. Crazy golf, beach activities and sandcastle competition



6.00 p.m. Evening meal
7.00 p.m. Evening activities
9.00 p.m. Bedtime

DAY THREE – Wednesday 19th June
Visit to Cragside House and Gardens



Evening meal
Evening Activities Village Green/Beach



9.00 p.m. Bedtime

DAY FOUR – Thursday 20th June

9.30 a.m. Depart from Sunningdale Hotel

11.00 a.m. – Arrive at The Life Museum – Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4EP



2.30 p.m. – Depart from the Life Museum - Newcastle

Stop off at services - Wetherby

5.30 p.m. - Arrive back at school

We hope that we will arrive back on time, traffic permitting, however we will keep you up to date on our expected arrival time by ParentMail or you can phone the school office on 01623 455920. Please don't phone until after 4pm to allow normal school duties to be completed.

We will also keep school informed about our activities and regular updates will be posted on the school website and FaceBook page.

On the day following the Bamburgh visit we do expect all children to be in school and absences due to tiredness will not be authorised.