

26 May 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

### **RE: Spiers Bank House Visit**

As a school we have always aimed to offer all Year 7 students the opportunity to visit Spiers Bank House residential centre as part of their Driffield School and Sixth Form experience. We are pleased, as we emerge from the pandemic, that we are able to offer this opportunity again. Your child is therefore invited to attend an educational visit to Spiers Bank House. The visit will be overnight, with all students having the opportunity to spend one and a half days at the centre before returning to school. Most students will visit with other members of their tutor groups and three members of staff.

- Date of visit: w/c 4 July, or w/c 11 July
- Method of transport: Minibus or coach
- Cost: £30 to include transport, accommodation, activities and breakfast.

The date of each tutor group visit will be confirmed after half term, once staffing has been finalised.

### **Recommended clothing and equipment**

All students should pack only one small rucksack, or equivalent sized bag, and include:

- Waterproof coat
- One bottom sheet
- Pillow and pillow case
- Sleeping bag
- Jumper/fleece
- Towel
- Appropriate socks
- Toiletries
- Walking boots/shoes
- Lunch box
- Indoor shoes/slippers/trainers
- Nightwear
- A complete change of clothes is **ESSENTIAL**

There are a range of activities for groups to participate in, which will be decided upon by the trip coordinator depending on the conditions on the day.

### **Information about Spiers Bank House**

Spiers Bank House is a centrally heated stone cottage located within the North Yorkshire Moors National Park on the edge of Forestry Commission land. It has been extensively modernised and refurbished to a high standard. There are two dormitories with six bunk

beds, an additional dormitory with eight bunk beds and three bathrooms. There is a pay phone for outgoing calls only. Please note: There is no mobile phone signal at Spiers Bank House or in the immediate area.

The address is:

Spiers Bank House  
Hartoft End  
Rosedale Abbey  
Pickering  
North Yorkshire  
YO18 8EN

### **Food and Cooking facilities**

Students should bring a packed lunch for both days, and whatever they wish to have for their evening meal. Students will still get the opportunity, under staff supervision, to make their own meals from the food they bring. A range of breakfast options will also be provided for the morning.

There are three hob units, two ovens, two larder fridges and a freezer, three sink units and three microwaves. All cutlery, crockery, pans and utensils are provided.

### **Student responsibilities**

The contribution a residential visit Spiers Bank House can make to the personal and social development of our students is boundless. It is also an excellent opportunity for teachers to further develop the positive relationship they have with their students. The school hopes that all students who visit Spiers Bank House will behave in an acceptable manner, paying particular regard to the following expectations:

- Clean all items used in the kitchen after each meal
- Help to clean and tidy Spiers Bank House before departure
- Put all litter in bins or put it in a bag/pocket until a bin is available
- Follow staff instructions at all times

Students who are unable to meet these expectations may need to return to Driffield rather than completing their stay at Spiers.

In order for your child to participate in the visit, please make the payment of £30.00 through Parent Pay by Friday 10 June. Should you have any difficulties making the payment, please contact the school. Please also complete the consent form by Friday 10 June via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MDg3pupgZZ>

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Andrews  
Assistant Headteacher and Chairman of Spiers Bank House Trust