

10 June 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Spiers Bank House Visit

I am delighted to send a second letter to follow up on our plans to offer Year 7 the opportunity to spend one and a half days at the Spiers Bank House, with an overnight stay. We aim to send as many form groups as possible with their form tutor and following ascertaining staffing availability I am now able to confirm the dates for each form groups visit.

Date of Visit Form Group

- 27-28 June - 7J2
- 1-2 July - 7M2
- 2-3 July - 7B2
- 3-4 July - 7J1
- 4-5 July - 7M1
- 8-9 July - 7B1
- 9-10 July - 7H2
- 10-11 July - 7B3
- 11-12 July - 7H1

A summary of the details are:

- Method of transport: Minibus or coach
- Cost: £30 to include transport, accommodation, activities and breakfast.

Please find below a reminder of the information sent in the last letter.

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

The journey to Spiers Bank house is approximately one hour and once there the students will be able to store their food in the areas, provided, including ample access to freezers and refrigerators. We will not be stopping at a shop on the way.

On the second day the students will participate in a walk from Spiers Bank to the "Forest Cabins" Cropton site where there is a small shop and café, so they may wish to bring a small amount of spending money, although there is no necessity for this.

Activities

Please see the attached itinerary for a breakdown of what the visit involves.

Recommended clothing and equipment

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

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

Students will also need to bring in an additional bag:

- Pillow and pillowcase
- Sleeping bag

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.

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

Student responsibilities

The contribution that a residential visit to 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.

Can I also please encourage you to consent and pay the £30 fee for the visit as soon as possible so that we can finalise transport and accommodation arrangements.

In order for your child to participate in the visit, please make the payment of £30.00 through Parent Pay and complete the consent form by Friday 14 June via the link below if you have not already done so: <https://forms.office.com/e/kXAG2VVChj>.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Andrews". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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