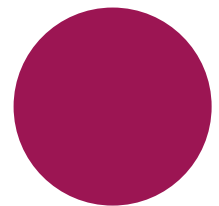




Witham St Hughs Academy



Rand Farm Residential

Year 2



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A L.E.A.D. Academy



FAQs

Q. Can my child bring a toy/comforter?

A. If the children would like to, they can bring a small, soft toy or their usual bedtime comforter to sleep with at bed time.

Q. What is the bedtime routine?

A. When it is bed time, children will get changed into their pyjamas, brush their teeth and wash their face. An adult will then read a bedtime story to the children. Staff will remain with the children in their bedroom until all children are settled and asleep.

Q. What if my child wets the bed?

A. We recognise that this is something that may happen. We do not want children to worry about this and staff have dealt with this on many occasions previously. Children should tell an adult if they have had an accident. A staff member will then discreetly help them to change their pyjamas and the bedding so that they can have a good night's sleep. We are aware that some children may still wear Pull Ups. Please advise staff if this is the case so that we can ensure they can change in and out of these discreetly.

Q. What time will the children arrive back at school?

A. The estimated time of arrival back to school is 2.30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to collect their child at 2.30pm from their classroom door. Any children who are at Kids Club or unable to be collected at 2.30pm will be looked after by staff until 3.25pm.

Q. How much information will we receive whilst the children are away?

A. There will be one Facebook post on the day of arrival. There will be one Facebook post on the second day.

Q. Does my child need to bring a water bottle or snacks?

A. Children do not need to bring a water bottle (unless this is a medical requirement and has been discussed with their class teacher). The children will be given drinks throughout the day and at meal times. All food is provided by Rand Farm during our stay. No food is allowed in the bedroom areas.

Q. What if my child has a food allergy or specific dietary requirement?

A. Please ensure any allergies or dietary information is shared with the class teacher in plenty of time prior to the trip. Rand Farm are very accommodating but need notice to ensure food is prepared specifically to meet the needs of the children.





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Q. What if my child wakes up in the night?

A. There will be adults in the staff bedrooms at all times which are immediately next to the children's rooms. Children will be told that they can always speak to an adult whatever time – day or night! Children will of course be encouraged to stay in bed during the night but will have access to the toilets as and when needed. A light will be left on at all times should the children need the toilet during the night.

Q. What if my child needs to take medication with them?

A. Please ensure that all inhalers and other forms of medication have been handed over to the school office and the medication form signed before children are dropped off to the classroom door in the morning of the trip. An adult will then be able to administer the medication as directed and with an additional adult as a witness.

Q. What if my child needs first aid?

A. In the same way we would report accidents/injuries at school, staff will use Medical Tracker to report when first aid is provided and you will receive an email as usual informing you of the treatment your child has received. If we feel that a child needs to be collected from Rand Farm for further medical attention, we will contact you via phone as we would during any school day.

Q. Will my child be in a room with their friends?

A. Children will be in a room with 6-8 other pupils. Staff will ensure that they are in a room with at least one of their friends.

Q. What if my child forgets to take something to Rand Farm?

A. Please check the packing list carefully before the trip. If a child forgets something important such as pyjamas, outdoor shoes or medication, a member of staff will call you and ask you to bring this to Rand Farm.

Q. What if my child does not follow the Academy behaviour policy whilst at Rand Farm?

A. As happens every day, staff will follow the Academy behaviour policy which includes a range of strategies to ensure children remain safe and respectful. These include: giving verbal reminders, giving children time out to reflect. If a child's behaviour puts them or other children at risk, parents/carers will be called to collect their child from Rand Farm.





Q. What if my child doesn't want to feed the animals?

A. Children will not be forced to do anything that they do not wish to do. Adults will provide support and encouragement so that children can participate in the activities.

Q. What if my child loses their belongings whilst on the trip?

A. The Rand Farm residential is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop independence and resilience. Adults will encourage children to be responsible for their own belongings, but of course will support children with organising their items. It would be incredibly helpful if all items were labelled with their name.

For further details regarding specific items to pack, please refer to the packing list that was sent out in the Autumn term.



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