

Stubbington Residential FAQs

Why has Stubbington Study Centre been chosen as a residential trip?

After contacting a number of companies that offer residential trips, we made the decision that Stubbington met the requirements for our children to enjoy an exciting and learning-centred residential trip. The main requirements which we had as a school and which Stubbington meet are as follows:

- The whole year group can be hosted at the same time
- There are comfortable, well-maintained sleeping arrangements and communal areas
- The centre is relatively local to where children live
- The centre provides strong, 'hands-on' experiences for curriculum learning
- The centre is well-established and used by other schools as a Year 4 residential

Why is the residential trip for three nights? This seems like a lot.

The number of nights are what we have been offered by Stubbington. We asked for various options and this is what we were allocated. Stubbington Study Centre have a process where all schools make applications for what they would like and then the centre organise requests by the schools in a way that works best for everyone. Whilst our focus is not 'what other schools do', we did enquire about the length of time that other Year 4 children go for and found that there was a real mixture. There were a number of schools where the Year 4s go for a full week, some of which are even in the Autumn term. Whilst we didn't want to do this, we felt assured in our allocation of 3 nights in the Summer term, once the children are just a couple of months away from being in Year 5.

What will happen with children who do not attend the residential?

For children who do not attend the residential, they will take part in normal lessons at school. Due to the nature of this residential and the fact that much of the science curriculum will be covered, the work in school will reflect that of the residential as much as possible and will largely be centred around the science curriculum. Unfortunately, we do not have the same resources or opportunities to deliver the learning in the same way (many of which are clear from the PowerPoint presentation).

Is this 'extra-curricular' to what children will already be getting in school?

This trip is intended for the whole year group and we are hopeful that as many children will attend as possible. The learning will not be 'extra-curricular', this will be how children cover relevant areas of the Science curriculum in the Summer term.

Why is there a 15 month lead time from signing up for the trip to the children going? This seems like a long time

The process for the Stubbington Centre booking is quite different to that which we have experienced with other companies in the past and when we found out that such a financial commitment was needed early on we were keen to get information out as quickly as possible. In all honesty, we would have put on an information evening for parents once we learnt about the timescales that Stubbing Study Centre require, had it not been for parents evening taking place this week. This is why we tried to provide as much information as we could via email as quickly as possible. We are looking to hold a virtual meeting next week and will communicate the date of this with you as soon as possible.