

Primary School Courses 2020 - 2021

We offer a number of different courses designed for Primary schools:

- 5-day courses (*Discover*, *Explore* and the *John Muir Award*), each focused on specific learning outcomes
- 3 Day Courses (*Discover* and *Explore*) now available in low and mid-season
- Weekend courses including a range of outdoor adventure activities
- Bespoke courses customised to meet specific requirements

All of our courses use challenging outdoor activities in the beautiful natural setting of the Lake District National Park World Heritage Site, as a vehicle for learning and development. We help pupils to develop awareness of and respect for themselves, other people and the natural environment.

5-day courses

5-day courses normally run from 10.30 am on Monday to 1.30 pm on Friday.

The *Discover* course is aimed particularly at young pupils, in Years 4 or 5, as an introductory residential experience. They will enjoy new experiences, explore the natural environment, take first steps to independence and gain personal confidence.

The *Explore* course is ideal for pupils in Years 5 or 6. During an *Explore* course they will develop self-awareness and social skills; increase personal confidence through successfully meeting new challenges; develop personal responsibility; develop cooperation, trust and support in a team; experience awe and wonder at the natural world; understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

The *John Muir Award* is a national environmental award scheme focused on wild places. It encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration. It has four essential elements: discovering a wild place; exploring its wildness; conserving by taking personal responsibility; sharing experiences.

Further details of these courses are on our website:

[Discover](#) [Explore](#) [John Muir Award](#)

3-Day Courses

Both the *Discover* and *Explore* Courses are available as a 3 Day package in low and mid-season. These courses normally run from 10.30 am on Monday to 12.30 pm on Wednesday and from 12.00 pm on Wednesday through to 1.30 pm on Friday.

Weekend courses

Weekend courses normally run from 5.30 pm on Friday to 4.30 pm on Sunday. Our Activity Weekend provides an introduction to a range of outdoor activities. It can be tailored to focus on specific learning outcomes if required.

For further details are on our website: [Activity Weekend](#)

Bespoke Custom Designed Courses

We are also able to design custom courses based on your specific requirements such as learning objectives, activities or length. Please note your requirements on the booking request form or contact us to discuss the possibilities.

Prices per pupil

Prices per pupil for standard 1 group courses	Primary schools 2020 - 2021					
	Sunderland schools			Schools outside Sunderland		
	5-day*	3-day	Weekend	5-day*	3-day	Weekend
Low Season** Start and end in December, January, February	£ 225	£135	£ 108	£ 273	£164	£ 134
Mid-Season** Start and end in November, March and April	£ 250	£150	£ 120	£ 303	£182	£ 149
Prime Season Start and end in May, June, July, August, September and October (Minimum fee per activity group applies)	£ 275	£165	£ 132	£ 333	£200	£ 164

*There is a supplement of £5.50 per candidate on John Muir courses.

**When the dates of the course extend across seasons, the lower season rate applies.

In prime season when there is increased demand for accommodation and on available resources a minimum fee per activity group applies.
(This does not apply in mid and low season)

We understand that when making a booking organisers may not be aware of their final numbers. To support you in this process we will forward a price and contract based on the numbers you intend to bring. If there is additional demand for places please contact us and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Visiting Staff

We provide one free staff place per group.

Whenever practically possible we encourage schools to bring a floating member of staff who would normally be the Visit Leader:

- 1 Group: 2 Accompanying Staff
- 2 Groups: 3 Accompanying Staff
- 3 Groups: 4 Accompanying Staff

An accommodation charge is made for additional staff. Please enquire for prices.

Prices for custom courses and for courses requiring us to provide a higher staff ratio can be quoted on request.

Group size

We allocate activity groups to your course on a ratio of 1 Tutor: 12 Participants. Where additional Derwent Hill staff are required to meet the specific needs of the group an additional charge will be made.

Exclusive booking

Our maximum capacity is 72 pupils and 9 accompanying staff. If you have a minimum of 62 pupils, you can make an Exclusive booking and have sole use of the Education Centre. If you have fewer than 62 pupils, you can make an Independent booking or a Joint booking with another school.

Independent booking

An Independent booking means that your pupils take part in their course separately from any other school in the Centre, but share facilities with them.

Joint booking

A Joint booking means that two or more schools get together to make a booking to optimise numbers and costs. Normally, pupils from the different schools will not share dormitories, but occasionally it is necessary for one or two rooms to be shared.

If there are at least 62 pupils between the schools, you will have the Centre to yourselves and can bring up to 71 pupils or 72 if there is an even gender split.

	Exclusive	Independent	Joint
Pupils share dormitories with students of the same gender from another establishment.	No	No	Occasionally, when necessary
Staff share a bedroom with staff from another establishment.	No	No	No, unless agreed in advance
Staff share a twin bedroom with a colleague from their own establishment.	If more than 6 staff in total		
Pupils share activity groups with those from another school.	No	No	Yes
Staff sometimes accompany / supervise students from another establishment.	No	No	Yes
Centre facilities are shared with pupils from another establishment.	No	Yes	Yes
Derwent Hill grounds are shared with other users.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Separate gender specific changing rooms for pupils and staff.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Separate changing rooms for each school on departure day	N/A	Yes	Yes