

# TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Residential Visit to Greenhill YMCA Centre

**Departure** – The party consisting of pupils and staff from Tildarg Primary School will leave Tildarg Primary School on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9:30am, arriving at roughly 11am. Lunch will be provided on arrival before taking part in the first activity. Pupils may bring a few small snacks (nut free), e.g. cereal bar, crisps etc. Please be mindful of the snacks brought to ensure health and safety, e.g. no lollies or hard-boiled sweets. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided, and snacks can be purchased when in Newcastle on our second night (weather permitting). Water bottles should be brought, which can be refilled (no fizzy drinks).

**Calling home** – Children will be encouraged not to phone home unless really necessary, as it can upset them. If there are any issues on the trip a staff member will contact you so you can speak to your child.

**Cameras and other valuables** – Pupils **must not** bring any valuable items with them or any electronic devices. YMCA Greenhill or School staff will not be held responsible for items lost or damaged. Children may bring a book or small board game for use in their rooms. A DVD can be brought to be watched in the evening in the communal area (rating U or PG only). The children will mainly be busy taking part in games and group activities.

**Mobile Phones** - These are **not** permitted!

If you need to contact your child, you may do so by calling the school between the hours of 8.30am-4.00pm and speaking to a staff member who will pass on any messages you might have. If there is an urgent issue about which you need to speak to a member of staff or your child, you may call the centre and they will pass messages onto Mrs Dickson (Tel: 028 4372 3172)

**Activities** - The children will be divided into groups on arrival and each group will hopefully have an opportunity to experience each activity (weather permitting). Our rough timetable is as follows:

Day 1 = Lunch (1pm) - **Activity** (2-4:30pm) - Dinner (5:30pm) - **Activity** (7-9:30pm)

Day 2 = Breakfast (8:30am) - **Activity** (10-12:30pm) - Lunch (1pm) - **Activity** (2-4:30pm) - Dinner (5:30pm) - Evening Walk / Town Visit (7-9:30pm roughly)

Day 3 = Breakfast (8:30am) - **Activity** (10-12:30pm) - Lunch (1pm)

The activities may include; Canoeing, Laser Tag, Zip Line, Abseiling, Forest Walk, Orienteering, Bouldering. We have requested these activities, but Greenhill YMCA staff will choose our activities according to weather and other factors, and these may even change on the day.

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**Rooms** – Will be arranged in friendship/class groups where possible, keeping in mind behaviour issues also. Each room sleeps 4 and has a shared toilet/shower room. Children must not go into other rooms after 10.30pm and there must be quiet after 11pm. Due to a busy schedule we aim to have children in bed earlier than this time where possible. Bed linen is provided, but not towels. Rooms must be kept neat and tidy. We are all together in one unit, which sleeps 36.

**Items needed** – A torch, warm coat or jacket, hat, gloves, fleece, 2 spare jumpers or fleeces, 2 complete changes of clothing at least, spare pairs of warm socks, spare trainers, comfortable footwear (we do a lot of walking), pyjamas, at least 2 towels and toiletries etc. We request pupils bring roll on deodorants instead of aerosols as these interfere with pupils with asthmatic conditions. If you already have your own waterproof jacket and trousers, please bring these too. These can be borrowed on site if required. **Please note** – your name should be on all your possessions. A small torch and a book are a good idea for reading at night. £10 spending money (maximum) can be brought. This money is the sole responsibility of each child. We will be going into Newcastle town on one of the evenings.

**Medicine** – Please ensure an AM2 form is completed for this trip stating the medicine required, and exactly when and how this should be taken. For health and safety reasons all medicine, other than inhalers, will be kept by the adults and given to the children when required. **AM2 forms must be returned by the date stated below**, and the **medication, where possible, must be sent in to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Please note an AM2 form must be completed for all medicines required, including inhalers and travel sickness medicine etc.

**Please impress upon your child the need to listen carefully, follow all instructions and behave appropriately.**

We are fortunate to have staff prepared to give up their free time to accompany and host the boys and girls on their school trip.

The staff accompanying the pupils this year are - Mrs K. Dickson  
Miss E. McCullough  
Mrs H. Close

**Arrival Back** – We should arrive back at Tildarg Primary School on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May by 3pm. Your child is to be collected at 3pm. If there are unexpected delays Mrs Dickson will phone school to let them know and try to share this via social media / school website.

Finally, we have every confidence your child will find this experience both enjoyable and rewarding and they should be encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

Behaviour following our normal school rules will be applied. Please make sure you are available 24 hours a day should a need arise to contact you.

Please complete the following forms:

Forms to be returned by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** 2019.

- Greenhill YMCA Student consent and Emergency contact  
(**Group Name** = Tildarg Primary / **Date of Visit** = 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May / **Visitor's Name** = Your child's name)
- Medicine form if required

Thank You

K. Dickson (Principal)