



Dobcroft Junior School

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Year 4 Residential 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be able to offer this year's Y4 children a residential stay in an activity centre, based in Matlock. Mount Cook Adventure centre is situated in the beautiful Peak District and has a wide range of adventurous activities accessible to all children.

We would like to take the children for 2 nights and 3 days from Wednesday 30th April – Friday 2nd May 2025.

Activities are led all day by a strong team of outdoor-pursuits experts. The children will enjoy the activities in small groups, accompanied by a member of Dobcroft staff.

Statement from Mount Cook: *“Mount Cook residential isn't just about having fun, although that's very important! We are dedicated to engaging young minds with the great outdoors, expanding each pupil's appetite for learning and encouraging curiosity. Our residential trips help to enhance relationships between pupils and their teachers, whilst increasing motivation, self-confidence and engagement.”*

The initial deposit will appear on ParentPay on 4th October at 5pm – this will give you time to reflect upon whether you would like your child to attend. The bookings will be on a first come, first serve basis for the 85 places available – if more places are required, we will need to check with the travel provider first.

The cost of the programme is **£276.52** (which can be paid in instalments) based on full board; this cost includes coaches to and from the centre. We would be happy to provide you with a breakdown of costs on request.

- The first non-refundable deposit is due by **Friday 25th October 2024 of £20**
- The second instalment will be due by **Friday 1st November 2024 of £64.13**
- The third instalment will be due by **Monday 2nd December 2024 of £64.13**
- The fourth instalment will be due by **Monday 6th January 2025 of £64.13**
- The final balance will need to be paid by **Monday 3rd February 2025 of £64.13**

(or £256.52 if not paying in instalments)

You will appreciate that this visit will only go ahead if we receive the full charge. We have calculated costs based upon an estimated number of children attending and staffing and transport.

Further details including a kit list and medical form will be sent out nearer the time of the visit. More information is also available on the Mount Cook website (<https://www.mountcook.uk>) and at the information evening (date tbc).

We very much hope to include all children in what promises to be a very exciting and energetic experience. **Please pay the initial deposit of £20 (non-refundable) by Friday 25th October, to secure your child's place via ParentPay.**

A typical day at Mount Cook

Here is a sample of how an average day at Mount Cook runs.

- 7.15 am Wake up, wash, brush teeth and make beds.
- 8.00 am Breakfast
- 8.30 am Get ready for your day! (Remember your water bottles!)
- 8.50 am Your instructor will meet you at the meeting points
- 9.00 am Your first activity begins
- 10.30 am You have a 15 minute break – fill up water bottles, visit the toilet and look forward to the second half of your session
- 10.45 am Second part of the session begins
- 12.15 pm Lunch
- 1.00 pm Your instructor will meet you at your meeting point. Time for more fun!
- 3.30 pm You have a 15 minute break – fill up water bottles, visit the toilet and look forward to the second half of your session!
- 3.45pm Second part of the session begins.
- 5.30 pm Evening meal
- 6.30 pm Free-time – Time to recharge before the evening fun or visit the shop!
- 7.15 pm Evening activity begins.
- 8.45 pm Return to rooms. Wash up, brush teeth and get ready for bed.
- 9:15 pm Lights out. Time to sleep!

Our specific activities have not yet been finalised, but we will let you know these in due course.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lowe and Mrs Waggott.

