

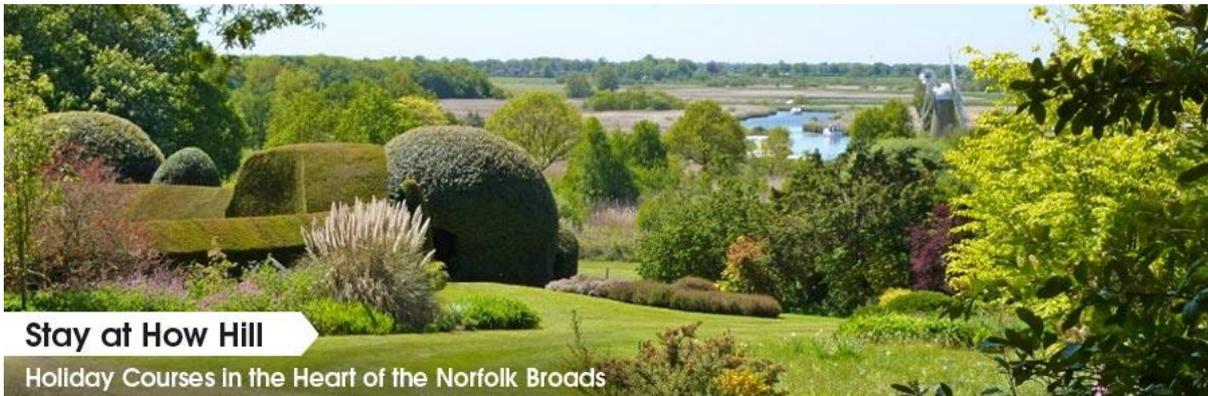
13th October 2017

Dear Parents

A three day residential trip for the children in Years 5 and 6 has been booked to How Hill for July 16th to 18th 2018.

How Hill is an environmental study centre at How Hill near Ludham in Norfolk. It is situated in a beautiful tranquil spot with very attractive grounds which are used for practical activities and fieldwork.

“Our residential courses are practical, using the full resources of our 365 acre (90 hectares) nature reserve. Our most popular activities are dyke-dipping, woodland ecology, nature trails, expeditions to the reed beds and windmills, hawks and blackbirds food chain game and the river trip to Barton Broad. We also offer practical craft activities related to the environment, such as thatching, weaving, rush candle making, and other related activities such as orienteering and map reading along with a visit to Toad Hole cottage museum.”



I have taken many groups of children to How Hill and they have all enjoyed their stay there. The house and gardens are delightful, with wonderful views across to the River Ant. It was once the home of the Boardman family who passed it to Norfolk County Council for residential trips but it is now owned by the How Hill Trust. Our school will be the only visitors there and only our staff will sleep there at night with the children. There is lots of space for outdoor activities and games in the evenings, all within the grounds.

Please look on their website howhilltrust.org.uk for further information.



The children will be accompanied by Mrs Osborne, Mr Stowers, Mrs Green and another staff member.

How Hill offer:

- a residential visit aimed at developing knowledge and understanding of the local environment
- a structured, flexible programme with activities to suit our requirements
- the services of well trained, enthusiastic teaching staff throughout each day of the visit
- use of scientific equipment and laboratory
- use of large teaching rooms
- full access to the nature reserve and gardens
- a guided boat ride along the river and into Barton Broad
- breakfast, packed lunch, dinner each day, with lunches on arrival & departure days
- staff service at meal times (pupils and teachers are NOT asked to do domestic tasks)
- separate staff bedrooms
- risk assessments for all activities

Please note: How Hill do *not* provide:

- Towels, sheets or pillowcases – so sleeping bags or duvets are essential.
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The price per child will be in the region of £150 (£125 for the residential, plus transport). This includes accommodation, catering, expert tuition and leadership in all activities, plus transport to and from How Hill. (Until we have confirmation of how many children wish to take part we cannot confirm the cost of transport.) The only other financial outlay will be a very small amount of pocket money for the children. (£5)

We are seeking a grant to support up to 50% of the cost for children in receipt of free school meals.

If the cost of this trip is prohibitive please speak to me or Mrs Reeman in confidence.

I would very much appreciate it if you would return the reply slip to the school office by Thursday 19th October indicating whether or not your child is interested in going on the trip so we can finalise costings; once we have confirmation from parents we will send out payment details very shortly. Our residential trips policy states we are unable to offer refunds if it causes a cost to the school.

Yours sincerely

Teresa Osborne

Class 4 Residential Trip to How Hill 16th – 18th July 2018

Name of child _____

*My child is interested in going on the residential trip to How Hill.

*My child is not interested in going on the residential trip to How Hill.

Signature of parent/guardian _____

* Please delete as appropriate.