



The Batt C.E. School

THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Years 3-5 Residential Survey Spring 2022

59 Respondents

All respondents wanted their child to go away on a residential visit in Year 6

24/59 wanted 4 nights away

31/59 wanted 3 nights away

4/59 wanted 2 nights away

47/59 felt that £350 for 4 night residential was fair or good value

The maximum that parents would pay was between £200 and £500 – though some felt this would depend on the activities

51/59 were in favour of a short local residential visit in Year 4

Of those who weren't in favour 3 said they felt their child was too young, one did not think their child would be comfortable with it, one referred to the cost of two residentials and another said 'Because the budget and staff time should go to Year 5 and 6. If year 4 want to have trips... join Beavers/Brownies'.

Additional Comments

4 night residential locally to reduce transport costs

I think it is important to experience a stay away from home embodying elements of all the above, still offering a learning capacity but also a fun team building experience. I don't think it's particularly important how far away it is more the opportunity

I think if they go away for 4 night in year 6 they need some experience before hand

Year 6... 3/4night

Year 5.... 3 nights

Year 4.... 2 nights

Year 3.... 1 night

Maybe Year 3 on the school field then Year 4 and 5 somewhere local like Liddington

Thankyou so much for taking the time to consider our responses. Anything you can offer will be gratefully received and provides a lasting memory of Primary school for our children.

A 1 night to hill end or similar for the year 4's would be lovely

I think residential trips are very important for the children to grow in other surroundings.

I look back and remember all my trips when I was at school with fond memories

I think Batt has it right- one night locally year 5, further afield in year 6 , later in year. 2-3 nights fair on teachers, 4 a big ask!

Ask if parents would want to volunteer to help (DBS checks allowing!) Search around for good deals and explore if any charities would help discount costs.

Plenty of notice so we can save up.

We really appreciated the residentials our other children went on...one major outcome was stronger friendships and confidence.

I feel £350 for 4 nights is a big expense. Would it not be possible and more affordable to make the residential 3 nights instead of 4?

The local PGL is a lot cheaper than example give. You don't have to go to wales!

A full (12 week) term's notice would help to budget for the costs.

My answers would have been different for my oldest daughter who is now at secondary school. For her, the shorter residential in Swindon was ideal as she has big anxieties about sleeping away and she would have missed the residential if we had not been able to drive her there and back home every day. Different lengths and settings will fit for different children.

Is there any funding that can support children whose parents cannot afford to send the children. Children should have as much exposure to all activities.

Have you considered going to adventure plus in Clanfield for the residential? They run adventure weeks and it's local which may reduce the cost of transport. Or just somewhere within an hour's drive?

I feel it needs to be sensitive to all children's needs and that's tricky when organising time away from home. This will also be most children's first time away from family. The cost factor for families right now is another issue. I think fewer days with more packed in could reduce cost which could be helpful. I don't think it's the length of time they are away that matters (to short) just the experience they have. I'm sure whatever you decide will be great!

Residential visits would be more enjoyable for the children at the end of the school year when the weather is nice and most of the school work has been completed.

More! More! More! It is such a valuable experience that I remember from my childhood.

Happy to fundraise or seek sponsorship to keep costs down for PP families.

A chance to do activities that are usually inaccessible would be great as well as advanced schedule to manage children averse to ambiguity and change.

Do these things they are good!

Duration - initially I felt strongly that a Yr6 residential should be a full school week. I still believe this is best if the trip involves a long journey as Monday and Friday are mostly travel days. However, if a great location is closer to home (within 2hrs) then 3 nights might work just as well - I'm sure this is also beneficial for all the poor travel sick children! Any less than 3 nights and I'm not sure the children get the chance to settle in to their surroundings, or get past the exhaustion of inevitably staying awake until very late on night 1.

Activities - I rated the activities above because I had to, but I found this hard as the best residentials I've been on (as a child and an adult) had a good mix of all, or most, of the given categories.