



# School journey dates

Due to number restrictions at Gorsefield, there will be two separate trips and therefore our residential journey will be spread over **two separate** dates:

Monday 7th October to Wednesday 9th October

and

Wednesday 9th October to Friday 11th October 2023.

Your child will only go on **one** of the dates, which will be decided next week.

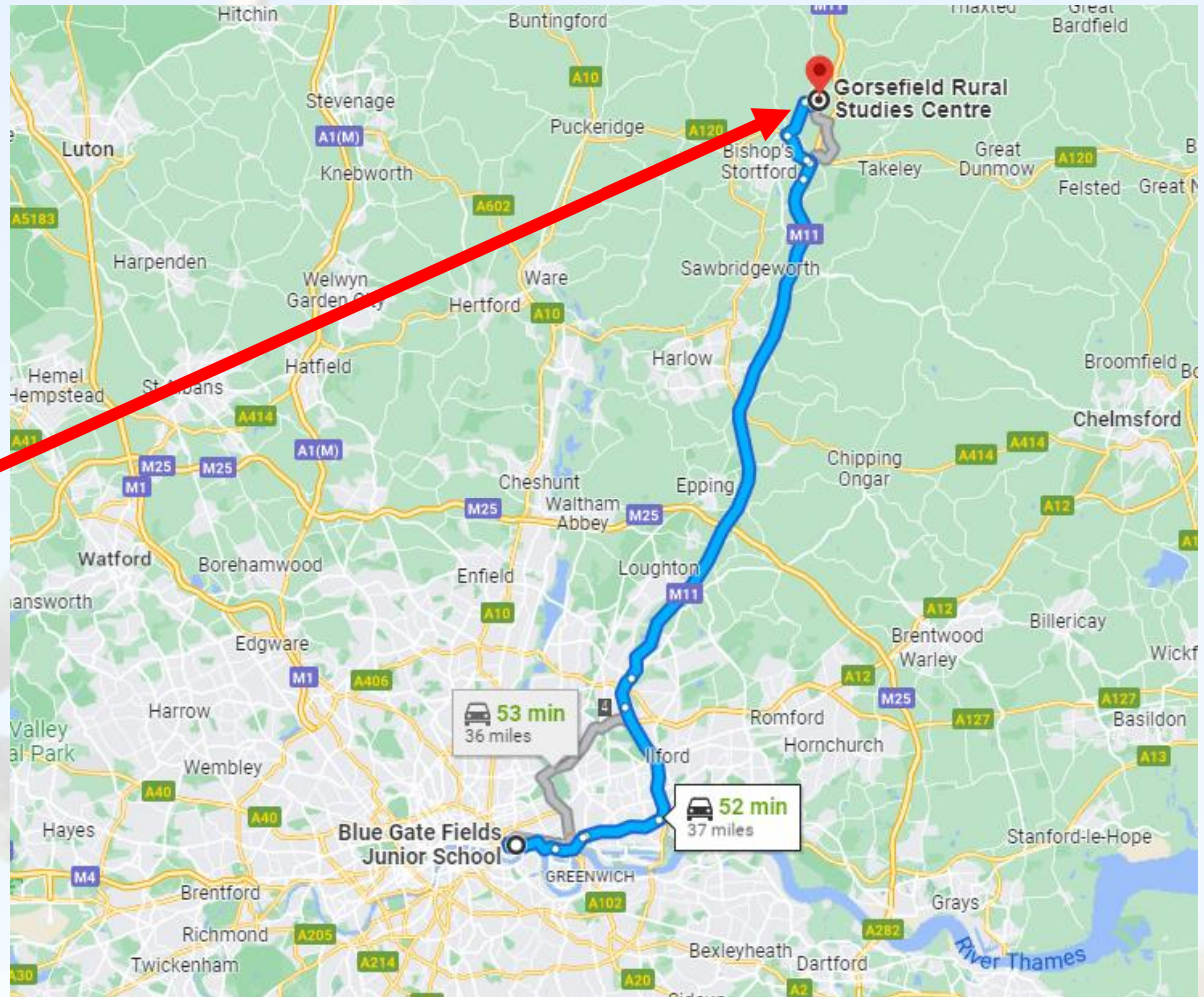
# Aim of the School Journey

The aim of the school journey is to help children to develop co-operative skills, independence and learn how to work successfully as part of a team. In addition it provides a wonderful opportunity to use these skills in an outdoor environment.

Blue Gate Fields Junior School staff work with Marchants Hill teachers. They are specially trained to teach outdoor activities.

# About Gorsefield

Gorsefield is located in the Essex countryside, approximately 35 miles away from Blue Gate Fields School. It is situated in an area of natural beauty. The journey will take approximately 50 minutes.



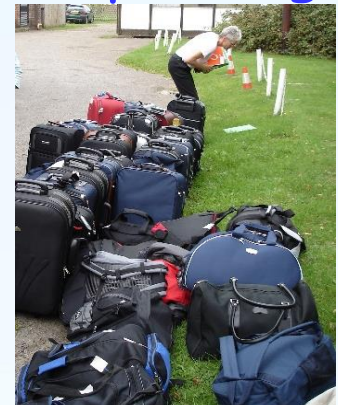
# Getting There

We will be travelling by coach. If your child suffers from travel sickness, please make sure that you give them a herbal travel sickness tablet, or wristbands before they board the coach.

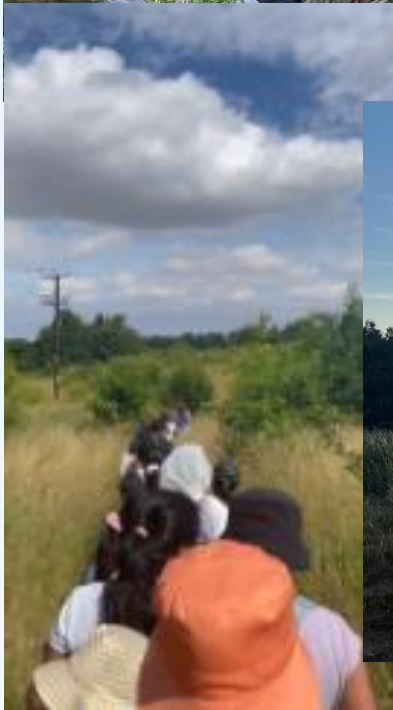
For trip **one**, the coach will leave school at 9:15am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October no later than 3.15pm.

For trip **two**, the coach will leave school at 9:15am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils will return to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October no later than 3.15pm.

The journey time is approximately 50 minutes, depending on traffic.



# The Grounds At Gorsefield



# Activities



# Sleeping Arrangements

Girls and boys will sleep in dormitories in completely separate parts of Gorsefield.

There will be both male and female experienced staff accompanying the pupils on school journey.

Staff members are on duty supervising pupils throughout the stay.





# Food

We have arranged to have vegetarian and Halal food only during our school journey.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese	Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese	Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese	Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese	Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese	Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese	Choice of 3 Cereals with Milk Banana Yogurt Whole & Sugar Toast with Marmalade Smoothie Baked Beans Baked Potato Mashed Potato Milk & Soft Cheese
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# What to bring

Pupils will need the following items:

- 1 pair of jeans
- 1 pair of leggings
- 3 T-shirts & 2 jumpers (or 3 T-shirts & 1 jumper & 1 tracksuit top)
- 2 tracksuit bottoms
- 1 rain/ waterproof coat
- 2 pairs of trainers
- 1 pair of sandals/slippers (to wear inside)
- 3 pairs of underpants
- 3 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of gloves (weather depending)
- 1 hat
- 1 pair of pyjamas or nightie
- 1 bath towel
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- soap
- sun cream
- clothes can be packed in a suitcase (not too big!) or rucksack

## Travel Bag

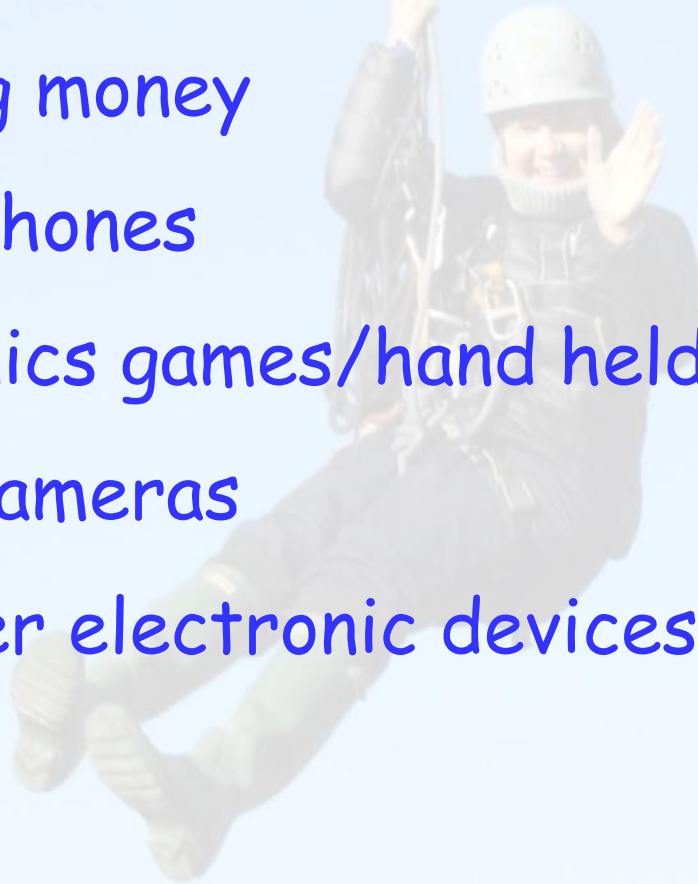


There is no need to buy new clothing!

# What not to bring

Children are not allowed to bring:

- spending money
- mobile phones
- electronics games/hand held games
- digital cameras
- any other electronic devices

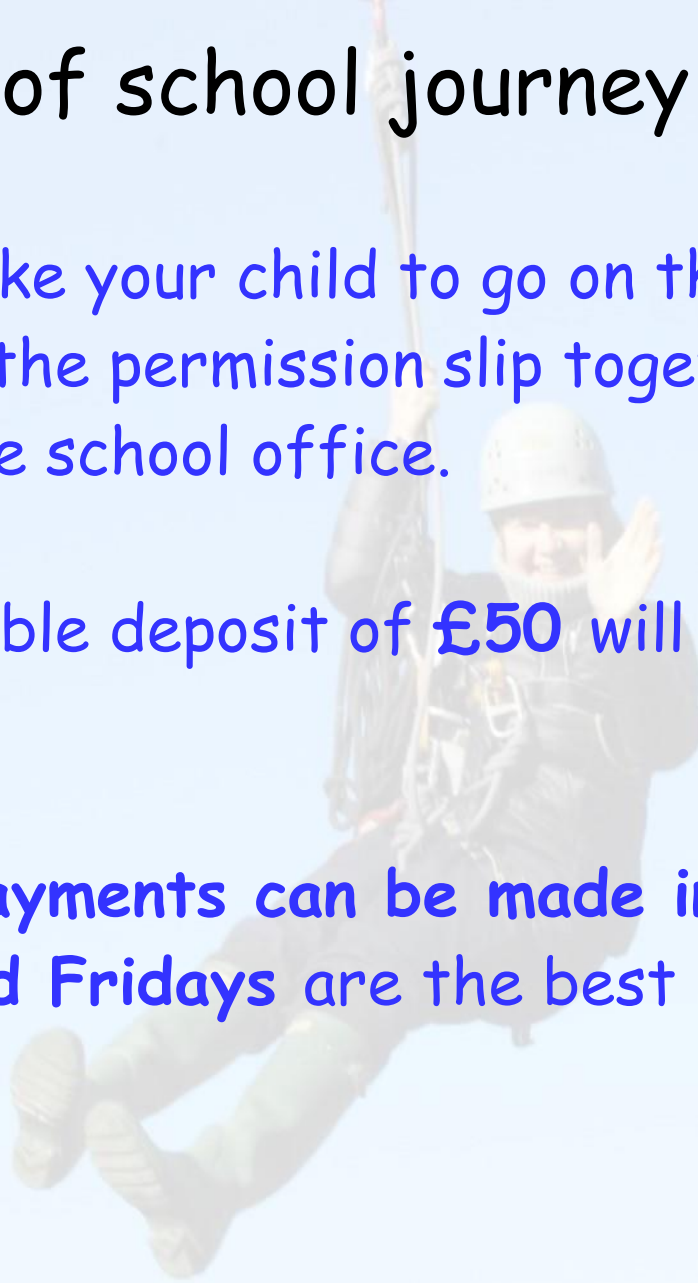


# Cost of school journey

If you would like your child to go on the school journey please return the permission slip together with a payment of £130 to the school office.

A non-refundable deposit of **£50** will secure your child's place.

Remember, payments can be made in instalments. Thursdays and Fridays are the best days to pay the office staff.



# What to do next/before your child goes on school journey?


- Your child will be given the necessary letter and forms at the end of today.
- Sign the form giving your child permission to go on school journey and hand it in to the office along with payment/deposit. There are spaces for 70 children. **Remember payment will secure a place.**
- Fill in the medical form. If you wish to discuss your child's medical needs please speak to Margaret/Emma Went. All medicines to be given to school before we go on school journey, if required. If you need any help with the forms please talk to the office.
- Make sure your child has all the clothing mentioned on the School Journey List.
- If your child suffers from travel sickness, make sure you provide a wrist band or travelsickness tablets.

# Contact Details

We are only away for 3 days, so it will not be necessary for you to telephone your child.

An emergency contact number will be given out on the day of departure.

A member of staff on school journey will call school at the start of the day and before the end of the school day with updates.

A person wearing a helmet and safety gear is rappelling down a rope against a clear blue sky. The person is smiling and waving. The background is a bright, clear blue sky.

Thank you for coming, I'm sure your child will have a wonderful learning experience on School Journey at Gorsefield.

To find out more about where we are going, go online at this address:

<https://www.gorsefield.org>

or google:

Gorsefield Rural Studies Centre