



# Viney Hill Residential 2026 Information Pack

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026*

## Introduction:

We are getting very excited about our forthcoming residential trip to Viney Hill. Please read all the information below carefully and do get in touch if you have any questions.

## Travel timings:

On Tuesday 30th June, please bring your child to school at normal time with their kit. The coach will depart from school at 10.10am.

On Friday 3rd July, the children will arrive back at school at approximately 2.45pm. ***Please collect your child at this time.***

## What we'll be doing:

Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre is a leading outdoor activity and residential centre based in the stunning Forest of Dean between the rivers Wye and Severn. Viney Hill harnesses the power of the outdoors to inspire growth, create memories, and strengthen communities.

Example activities include:



### ARCHERY

Learn how to safely handle a bow, improve your aim, and test your skills through fun games. A brilliant activity for building patience, focus, and perseverance.



### BUSHCRAFT

Discover how to light fires and cook over open flames in our beautiful Orchard setting. Pick up some useful tips and tricks for woodland survival skills and get close to nature.



### SHELTER BUILDING

Work as a team to design and build your own forest shelter using natural materials. Encourages creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in a real woodland setting.



### TUNNELS

Experience a realistic caving environment in our amazing tunnel network. Navigate your way through the underground-style maze with your own caving hat and light to build up your courage and see what you discover down there!



### NAVIGATION

Learn to use maps, then put your skills to the test by finding hidden locations and clues around the site, solving a puzzle in the process. Perfect for developing teamwork, focus, observation, and independence.



### TEAM QUEST

Take on a creative team challenge that requires communication, leadership, and collaboration. Activities vary from problem-solving puzzles to high-energy group games and can be adapted for all ages and abilities.



### CRATE STACK

Stack crates higher and higher while members of your team are balancing on top — a brilliant trust and communication activity where the whole group plays a part and laughs when they are eventually left dangling.



### LOW ROPES

Just inches off the ground, this team-based obstacle course builds confidence, problem-solving, and collaboration in a safe and supportive way. Instructors are brilliant at building an adventure around the course and adding in challenges appropriate to age and ability.



### NIGHT HIKE

Bring your outdoor footwear and a sense of adventure as our instructors leads you into the Forest of Dean after dark — exploring trails by torchlight, listening to the sounds of the night, gazing at the stars, and maybe hearing some tales of local legend and folklore along the way

## Accommodation:

Like last year, we will be staying in Viney Hill's new eco pods. They are insulated and heated sleeping cabins with bunk beds, loos and sinks. There is also a toilet and shower block nearby and The Cross-Meadow building is equipped with a kitchen, dining space and lounge facilities.



## What to bring:

Please ensure all items are **clearly named**

- Water bottle (500ml minimum)
- Day backpack
- 4 full sets of clothes - please choose clothes to get wet and dirty. Ideally, long trousers (not jeans) and long-sleeved tops, but if the weather is very warm, please also pack some shorts and T-shirts.
- Trainers with good tread for adventure activities, plus a spare pair of trainers or boots to get wet and muddy
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Sun hat
- Sun cream (in a clearly named plastic bag please)
- Towel
- Wash kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel etc)
- Pyjamas
- Torch (with working batteries)
- Thick socks or slippers to be worn indoors (no shoes are allowed indoors)
- Sleeping bag, single fitted sheet and pillow with pillow case
- Bin bag for dirty washing

## Prohibited items:

For the enjoyment of all, please avoid bringing:

- iPods, tablets, portable computer devices etc.
- Smart phones/iPhone etc.
- Favourite clothes
- Valuables including jewellery (not suitable for activities for safety reasons)

General rule: If you really like it, leave it at home!

## What we'll be eating:

The children will be offered hearty meals and snacks, so bringing further treats from home is not necessary. However, if your child would like to bring some sweets to share, please pop them in a named plastic bag. Sweets will be handed to Mrs Crampton on arrival at site to keep safe.

*N.B. Please bring your child to school with a packed lunch on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	N/A	<b><u>Bring a packed lunch</u></b>	✓
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	✓	✓	✓
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	✓	✓	✓
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	✓	✓	N/A

## \*\*\*\*\* Medication \*\*\*\*\*

If your child is bringing **insect repellent, sting cream or any other personal medication**, please complete the below form and place it with the medication in a labelled, clear plastic bag to hand to Mrs Crampton on departure day.

A copy is also available to download from our website:

<https://www.sappertonschool.org/parents/useful-forms>

We hope this information is useful. If you have any questions about the residential, please do feel free to get in touch.



## Administering Medicine at School

This form must be completed in full before the school can administer any medication.

Child's name:			
Class:		Date:	
Illness/condition:			
Medication:			
Dosage/method:			
Timings:			
Additional notes:			
Parents name:			
Signature:			
Contact details:			

*You must notify the school immediately via email if you have given additional doses at home and therefore do not require us to administer the medicine.*

Office use only	date received	signature
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