

Information Pack

Oakham Primary School



Year 2 Visit 2025

Wednesday 9th July – Friday 11th
July

Edgmond Hall Outdoor Education Centre

Welcome to Edgmond Hall

Edgmond Hall is one of four centres that make up Sandwell Residential Education Service. It was bought by Oldbury Council in 1936 and converted a year later. It has been a Centre for residential education for over 80 years!

Edgmond Hall is in Shropshire. It sits on the edge of the historic village of Edgmond. It was originally a Georgian Farm House and still reflects this in the Grade II listed main house and outbuildings. It is set in 45 acres of grounds; including woodland, meadow, orchard and old marshland habitats as well as having playing fields and more traditional gardens.

Facilities

- Large playing field with adventure play ground
- Boot room and locker room for keeping belongings to use outside
- Dining room, staff room, cloakroom and toilets in the main house
- Indoor classroom spaces, including the large classroom in the old barn
- Indoor games room
- Toilets and handwashing in the courtyard for easy access outdoors
- The old Billiard room, with tv, quiet games, blackboards and drawing materials.



Website Link:

<https://sway.office.com/8Cwm2ByOG4Snz9MC?ref=Link&loc=play>

<https://www.sandwellresidential.co.uk/our-centres/edgmond-hall-centre-for-outdoor-learning/>

Why go?

The Experience – Edgmond Hall is a brilliant opportunity for children spend more time in the great outdoors, exploring and experiencing activities they may not have done before, with their friends.



Independence – Being in a different environment away from school and home will give the children the opportunity to gain more independence by completing daily chores and being responsible for their personal well-being and their belongings.



Confidence & Resilience – Edgmond Hall will allow children to face exciting and challenging new activities which will build their confidence and resilience to overcome any obstacles they may face.



Building relationships – The children will be getting stuck into a range of group activities that will enable them to build on their collaboration skills, work as team to complete challenges and build relationships with new friends in Year 2.



Who is going?

Miss Haselock



Miss Smith



Mr Mills



Miss Owen



Mrs Gidman



Mrs Rivers



Mrs Langford



Mrs Davies



Mr Barnett



All of our staff have experience with previous residential visits and will be accompanied by highly trained and qualified Edgmond Hall Centre staff, who will assist the children with the activities.

Accommodation

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The main house accommodates up to 50 in comfortable dormitory style bedrooms split over two floors. The toilets and showers are located on each floor next to the bedrooms.

The staff bedrooms are on each floor located close to the dormitories to enable good supervision. There are staff bathroom facilities near to their bedrooms.



Sleeping Arrangements

The centre consists of 4 dormitories, 2 for the boys and 2 for the girls. Each dormitory consists of bunk beds that the children will be allocated, with attached bathroom and washing facilities. Edgmond cottage is situated next to the courtyard opposite the main house with 12 more beds. It is fully accessible for wheelchair users or those with additional needs.

Oakham staff will be situated on the same floor of the building as the children to ensure the safety and well-being of the children at all times. Edgmond Hall centre staff are also available on site 24 hours a day.



Timetable

7:15 - Rise and shine.

8:00 - Breakfast

9:00 - Staff meeting, pupil briefing and morning activities

12:30 - Lunch followed by afternoon activities

5:00 - Evening meal, evening activities.

Followed by supper then showers. Bedtime/lights out.

This is just an example of a timetable so children can have an idea of our daily routine. (Times may vary)

Types of activities

- ▶ Orienteering
- ▶ Shelter building
- ▶ Pond dipping
- ▶ Nature walks
- ▶ Looking after animals
- ▶ Team building
- ▶ Treasure hunts
- ▶ Mini-beasts
- ▶ Exploring
- ▶ Outdoor skills

Example Itinerary

Day	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
Wed	<p>Depart school for arrival at Edgmond at 10.30am</p> <p>Welcome, introduction.</p>	Lunch	<p>'Fantastic' Team Challenges</p> <p>Unpack and settle in</p>	Evening Meal	<p>Evening Explore</p> <p>My First Adventure Diary</p>
Thur	<p>Meet the animals</p> <p>Hunting for Mr Fox and his animal friends</p> <p>Woodland Trail</p> <p>Building the farmers camp – mini shelters</p>		<p>2 groups</p> <p>'Foxes, Weasels and Rabbits'</p> <p>Food Chain Game</p> <p>'Crafty Mr Fox'</p> <p>Blind fold challenge</p>		<p>Mr Fox Nature Art</p> <p>My First Adventure Diary</p>
Fri	<p>Pack and Tidy before 8am</p> <p>Egg Hunt</p> <p>Collect Sticks</p> <p>Campfire</p>		<p>Lunch 12.00pm</p> <p>Departure 1.00pm</p>		

Food

Meals

We aim to provide food that the children will enjoy and that is broadly balanced. We encourage healthy eating by having fresh fruit and vegetables as part of the meals each day. We have a fixed menu, whilst also catering for those with specific dietary requirements using robust procedures.

Each day there is breakfast, a packed lunch, a cooked evening meal and hot chocolate and a homemade biscuit for supper. Children are well fed and don't need to bring their own snacks!

Edgmond Hall will be informed of any dietary requirements or allergies that our children have and are very experienced in catering for a wide variety of needs.



Kit List

Please pack a **backpack** with these things that children will need every day outside.

- ✓ Wellies for wearing outside (bring in a plastic bag)
- ✓ Coat or / and Waterproof Jacket
- ✓ Thick socks
- ✓ Sunhat and Sun Cream
- ✓ Water Bottle
- ✓ A packed lunch for Wednesday lunchtime

Please pack all other items in a *small suitcase* or bag. Children need to be able to carry this bag upstairs.

- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Wash kit (shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrush)
- ✓ Sleepwear
- ✓ Underwear and socks
- ✓ Slippers for the bedroom if you want
- ✓ 3 x t-shirts / long sleeved t-shirts
- ✓ 2 x jumpers / fleece or warm long sleeved tops
- ✓ 2 x long trousers
- ✓ Shorts
- ✓ 1 x old trainers, arrive wearing these
- ✓ Plastic bag for dirty clothing

Please name all the things children bring. Just bring old clothes as children will be outdoors having fun and getting muddy!

What not to bring

Please do not pack:

- *Mobile phones* (any necessary contact will be made via the school)
- *iPods, iPads, digital cameras etc.* (all electrical items are not allowed on trips)
- *Hair dryers* (Provided by the centre when needed)
- *Snacks* (plenty of food is provided to children throughout the day)
- *Games* (with an action packed day, there simply isn't time to play games!)
- *Children will not require any spending money for this trip.*



However, if your child would like to bring a book for the coach journey and/or cuddly toy of a reasonable size for bed time, that is fine.

Contact

When we arrive at Edgmond Hall, the school will be notified and there will be a post on the Oakham twitter page to say that we have arrived safely. If you don't have Twitter, the Oakham Twitter page can be seen on the home page of the Oakham website.



For the duration of our time at Edgmond Hall, we will be posting daily updates about what we have been up to, including some pictures of the children, on the Oakham twitter page. The children are split up in different groups, doing different activities all day so we will try our best to update pictures of all the children doing their activities, but this can't be guaranteed.

Also, as we are out in the woods, it can sometimes be difficult to get internet reception, so please don't worry if any updates are missing or late; we will try to get them up as soon as we can.

In the unlikely event that we need to contact you in an emergency or for any other reason, we have everyone's emergency contact details with us at all times and the school will be notified. Please do not try and contact the Edgmond Hall centre.



Consent & Medical Information

There will be an online form on Parent Pay to give your consent for your child to go on the trip to Edgmond and to give any medical, allergy or dietary requirements.

If your child does have any medical, allergy or dietary requirements raised on the Parent Pay form, they will be sent a medication form to be completed in advance and handed in on the morning of departure along with their medication.

There will also be a paper copy of an 'Off Site Consent Form' to be filled in nearer the time.



On the day

- 8:45am – On Wednesday 9th July, enter the school via the hall entrance and head into the hall.
- In the dining hall – Hand over medication to members of Oakham staff and then head into the hall.
- In the hall – Once everyone is here and ready to go, we will head up the driveway to the coach, load up the suitcases and leave for Edgmond Hall at around 9:15.

Coming Back

- We will be leaving Edgmond at roughly 1:00pm on Friday 11th July, with the aim of being back at Oakham for around 2:00pm, depending on traffic. If there are any delays, we will notify the school and aim to keep the Oakham twitter page updated.
- When we arrive back at Oakham, children and their suitcases can be collected straight from the coach on Darby's Hill Road.
- If you have any other children in school, please head down to reception where someone will fetch them from their classroom to be collected.
- If you are unable to collect children until 3:30pm, they will be kept in school ready to be collected at the end of the normal school day
- If your child is in the Squirrels after school club, they will be kept in school and taken down to the club at 3:30pm as normal.