



# Locks Heath Junior School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

At Locks Heath Junior School, we are proud of the exciting programme of residential trips and day visits that we provide to our children. In April, we take our Year 4 children to Fairthorne Manor to develop their teamwork, communication and bravery skills. This is an extended daytrip to give the children experience of adventurous activities, before deciding if they would like to attend the overnight Year 5 residential trip.

Following this letter, we will share details about the Year 5 trip to Avon Tyrrell taking place in September 2026 which is a 3-day, 2-night stay in the New Forest, so the children won't have to wait long before they have their first overnight school trip away from home.

This letter will provide you with further information about the **Year 4 daytrip to Fairthorne Manor on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

## **About Fairthorne Manor**

YMCA Fairthorne Manor is a unique outdoor activity venue set in the heart of the countryside close to Botley village. There are 94 acres of grounds to explore and a mature woodland. The extensive grounds offer a wealth of outdoor activities for visiting school groups to enjoy during their stay. Parents need to be contactable during the trip to ensure that they are able to collect their child if they are unwell.

## **Day Trip Information**

To keep the cost of the trip low, we ask that parents drop their children to Fairthorne between 8:30am and 9:15am. This should give enough time for families who may also need to take other siblings to school.

On arrival, children will enjoy their first team challenge with their class teacher.

At 9:30am activities begin and will likely include:

Bushcraft – learning how to build and light a campfire  
Blindfold Rope Trail – working as a team to navigate a woodland trail  
Climbing wall/Abseiling – facing a height challenge  
Aerial Runway – fly down the zipwire!

Children will enjoy both lunch and dinner, as well as plenty of snacks before ending the day with a campfire (marshmallows and hot chocolate included!)

Parents to collect at 7:30pm.

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**Year 4 Fairthorne Manor  
Total Cost £63**

To secure a place for your child, a non-refundable deposit of **£20.00** should be made by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**. Further payments can be made as and when on Arbor, but the remaining balance of **£43.00** is to be **paid by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. This may appear early; however, the centre requires full payment 12 weeks before our scheduled day trip.

Whilst we would appreciate deposits and payments to be made on-line, parents can hand either cash or cheque (made payable to Hampshire County Council) to the office. If you are facing financial hardship, please do contact Mrs Astbury in the school office who will be able to advise you of the next steps. Equally, if you do not want your child to attend, please also contact the school office.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this or any other residential trips, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



Mrs S Rogers  
Acting Deputy Headteacher

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**CONSENT FOR YEAR 4 Fairthorne Manor Day Trip – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

I confirm that I have parental responsibility for .....Class .....

He/she is in good health and I consider him/her to be capable of taking part in the activities as set out in the letter above and consent to him/her taking part in the programme detailed in this letter.

In the event of illness or accident, I consent to any necessary medical treatment, which might include the use of anaesthetics.

I have read and understood the programme of activities that my child will undertake, and I am satisfied with the organisation and arrangements for supervision.

Being collected at 7.30pm by

Print Name:

Contact number:

Please advise if any changes to collection arrangements by contacting the school w/c 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Signed .....