

Derwent Hill & St Mary's Primary



Explore and Discover

Children:

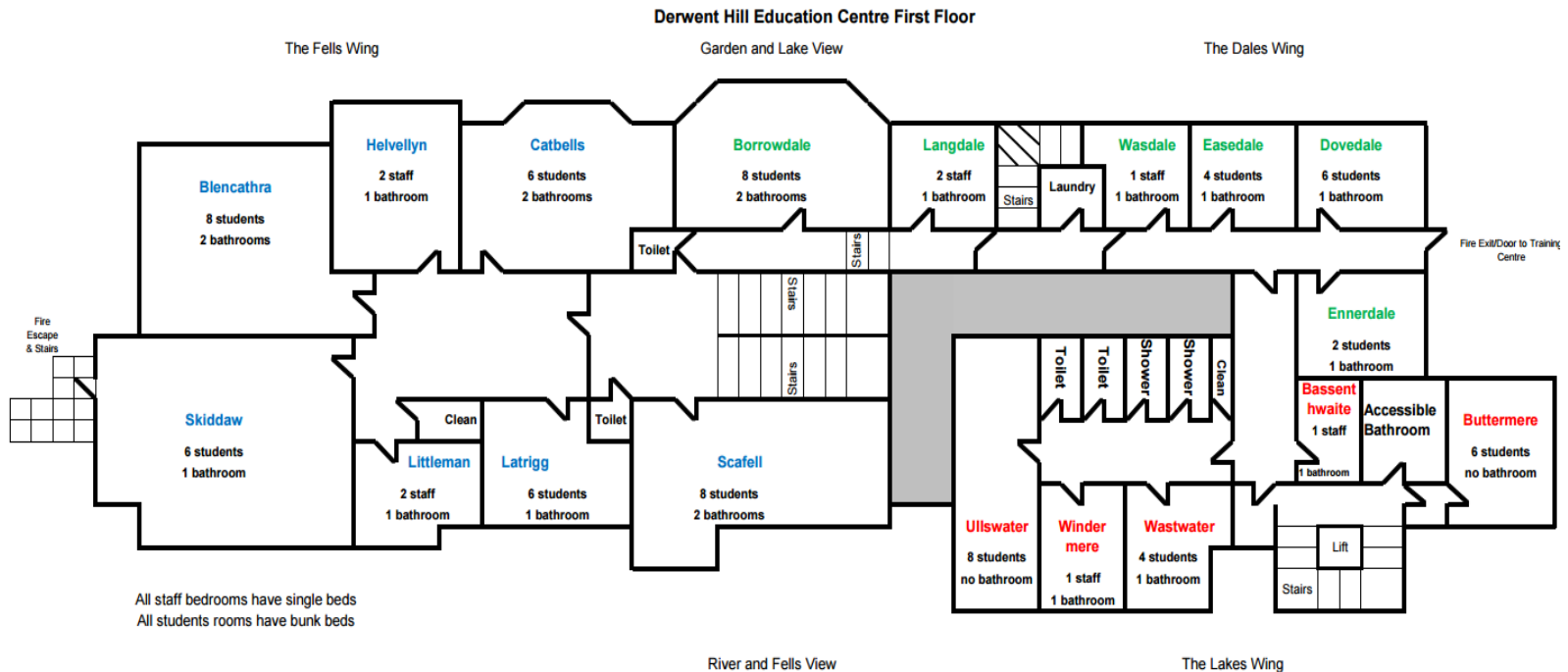
- ◉ Develop self awareness and social skills.
- ◉ Increase personal confidence through successfully meeting new challenges.
- ◉ Develop personal responsibility.
- ◉ Develop cooperation, trust and support in a team.
- ◉ Experience awe and wonder at the natural world, and take time to reflect on this.
- ◉ Understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

- Variety of staff, including Year 6 teachers. Plenty of familiar faces.
- We are on hand around the clock to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child.
- Derwent Hill staff are highly skilled and are there to provide the best possible experience for the children.

Groups

- Activity groups – mixed group of up to 12 (1 Tutor and 1 Staff member)
- Dormitories – friendship groups
(Organised with the help of the teachers)
- Dining – 2 adjacent dining areas

Derwent Hill



The girl's rooms are on one side of the building and the boy's are on the other with separate staircases.

The staff bedrooms are interspersed between.

Activities

Activities are weather dependent, but the Derwent Hill staff have an array of different activities we can do in adverse conditions.

- ◉ Mountain walk
- ◉ Gorge walking
- ◉ Mine visit
- ◉ High ropes/Low ropes
- ◉ Canoeing
- ◉ Orienteering
- ◉ Big Swing
- ◉ Bush craft
- ◉ Local visits

Daily Routine

- 7:30 - Wake up call
- 8:00 - Breakfast
- 9:00 - Dorm inspection then daily briefing
- 9:20 - Group activities (full or half day)
- 4:30 - Free time
- 5:30 - Evening meal
- 7:00 - Evening activities
- 9:00 - Supper
- 9:30 - Bed
- 9:45 - Lights out and sleep

Gorge walking



This activity takes teamwork.

Canoeing

Second task, paddle together. It's harder than it looks!



First task, getting the canoe in the water.



'One Tree Island'



Mountain walk



Lunch at the top
of the mountain



High ropes course



Bushcraft Activities



The Big Swing



Evening activities

Night walk

Team Challenge

Quiz/Free time

Movie/Disco



Free-time Activities



Clothing

- All clothing needs to be labelled. Lost property distributed at the end of the week.
- Derwent Hill provide excellent waterproofs, walking boots and rucksacks.
- Layers of clothing, short and long sleeved tops and jumpers. Please see the kit list for minimum needed.

'There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.'

(Alfred Wainwright)

Medical Issues

- Before we go, we will send out medical information forms. Any medication to be brought in on the day.
- All issues are kept confidential and handled sensitively.
- All medicine must be labelled and handed into staff before we go.
- Travel sickness – please inform staff if your child has taken a tablet and hand in one for the return journey.
- Two staff members are in charge of dispensing the medication.
- We follow the same accident/illness policy as school. Staff who know the children are on hand to deal with any issues the children may have.

- There is a sample menu on the Derwent Hill website
- All the food is cooked on site and you will have a choice of healthy meals every day.
- The cooks are very helpful and there is always something for 'picky eaters.'

Technology

- ◉ The aim is to have technology free week
- ◉ Children are responsible for their own belongings
- ◉ No mobile phones
- ◉ Children can bring a camera
- ◉ Moving away from blog format this year and are instead going to set up a Derwent Hill Twitter account

Money

- £10 pocket money in purse or wallet (change is best)
- Additional money can be sent for souvenirs – If your child wants to buy souvenirs from the shop please put the money in a labelled envelope to be handed in to their group leader (£10 maximum please)

Anything else?

- ◉ We will send out personal detail forms, medical letters and calpol consent forms closer to the time
- ◉ Lots more information on Derwent Hill website
- ◉ Kit lists are available at the back of the hall
- ◉ Any questions?

Thank you.