

Personal Development at William Booth

What do we do for residentials at William Booth?

We want all of children to have enjoyable residential experiences whilst they are with us that also contribute to them developing our BELIEVE values. We offer every single child an overnight experience every year from Year 2 upwards: Year 2 is a sleepover at school, Year 3 is our nature centred trip to Hathersage, Year 4 is our exciting school camping experience, Year 5 is PGL activity centre where children can really 'Embrace Challenge', and Year 6 is our wonderful adventure to the Norfolk coast.

We do our best to ensure that these residentials are affordable and accessible for all (costs are reduced for those entitled to Free School Meals), and we will provide whatever support necessary to address any barriers for parents, carers or children.

Our residentials schedule is designed to have progression through the years and offer different experiences, which help build relationships with peers and staff and create magic memories for our pupils.



What is the impact?

Over 75% of children in Years 2 and upwards attended an overnight experience in 2024-25. We target our efforts to ensure that as many children as possible can take part and data shows that we are successful in engaging with vulnerable groups across the board.

Pupil Voice shows that they are one of the most valued aspects of school life, with children making comments such as *"Going to PGL made me realise how much I can do when I use my Grit. And it was really fun singing on the bus home!"*

We find that children that attend residentials are more likely to feel positive about school, more likely to have good friendships and more likely to take advantage of everything else in our enrichment offer.