



Year 6 Residential Survey Spring 2022

14 Respondents

12/14 Felt the residential was too short

12/14 Felt that the residential cost was fair or excellent value

12/14 Felt the activities on offer were appropriate

Of the two that didn't one commented that the activities were 'not varied enough' and the other that 'they were things my child has done before'.

A further parent commented 'Most of the activities were activities that are accessible as extra curricular activities. I was a bit disappointed that there were no special activities such as water sports etc or activities that it's more difficult for parents to arrange. My child loved it but I would have liked it to have included better activities as for the cost it seemed a bit dull'.

All parents said their child enjoyed the residential and would have liked to stay longer.

13/14 Would have been prepared to pay more for a longer visit.

The maximum that parents would pay was between £300 and £500 – though those parents suggesting they would pay more did say it would be dependent on what was on offer.

Additional Comments

I think maybe year 3 1 night local
Year 4 2 nights local
Year 5 3 nights a bit further
Year 6 3/4 nights somewhere like Wales

It would have been nice for them to have been able to take some money to be able to bring something back from the trip away.

My son loved Liddington

The PGL trip was fine, my child enjoyed it very much. I understand that staffing availability also affects the decision on where to book. The activities offered are not really new for children who have attended beavers/cubs/Scouts however.

Learning outdoors in different locations - moors, by the sea, forests is motivating and educational, so residential in varied locations would be brilliant. I also think the children would be as happy in log cabins or tents as in a carpeted room.

As per your letter, I recall doing two school trips when I was at junior school and they were each about a week long. I remember feeling a bit homesick on the first trip - but that was important because it was my first real trip away from home and after the initial fear I really enjoyed it. I went to Dinton (staying at Philipps House) and then to Yorkshire (visiting the Jorvik viking centre). These were really exciting trips as a young child.

I understand how difficult residential are to arrange. We take the local brownies/guides every year to Liddington and always get a good deal - in July 23 we are charging parents £112 (£108 charged by PGL, rest buys milk and snacks) for Friday to Sunday activities and food, but make own way there. I know the coach adds a lot to the cost. In comparison we recently paid approx £130 for a coach based 2 day trip to France for our other child. In comparison to these prices the cost of Batt residential does seem high, and many of the Batt girls will have been to PGL Liddington for less money.

Children and parents know that the residential is a Big Thing for year 6. Have you considered starting payments early in year 5 so that the cost can be spread over more months, allowing people to save up for a higher cost trip?

Thank you for everything you did towards the Year 6 residential. It was a great experience for our child.

The question about about child staying longer was mandatory but no strong feelings about 3 or 4 days. Just that it is a really core memory for many of us due to the chance to do amazing activities so this one seemed a bit bland. Would be nice to have more updates or contact if longer. A schedule further in advance to manage kids that struggle with ambiguity.

Please do contact us at Scouts because we are really experienced in running camps and residential on a very limited budget.