

Our Ref: JWS

September 2023



**All Current Year 7/8/9/10 Parents & Carers** *Knowledge & Strength*

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Dormston School Newquay Surf Residential – offer of place on trip**

For Activities week in July 2024; we are pleased to announce the launch of a Surfing residential in Cornwall. Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the Dormston School Trip to Newquay - this letter is confirming their place on this trip and is intended to give you a brief outline of what is involved.

Tour Company: **First Wave Adventures**

Travel dates: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July to Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Duration: total days including travel - 4 days/3 nights

The trip will take place during the Activities Week at the end of July. We will have exclusivity at First Wave Adventures centre for surfing with access to their own beach (Great Western). The hotel sits directly above this beach and has shared dormitory type rooms for students with en-suite facilities.

Provided below is a brief outline of the activities that will take place, with all meals included within the package:

	Day 1 Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Day 2 Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Day 3 Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Day 4 Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July
8am	Depart Dormston	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
10am	Coach travel	Bodyboarding	Coasteering	Trip Eden Project
12pm	Coach travel	Packed lunch	Packed lunch	Packed lunch
1pm	Arrive in Newquay	Free time/Beach games/Arcades	Free time/ Beach games/Arcades	Head home
2pm	Beach safety activity	FWA surf lessons	FWA surf lessons	Coach travel
6pm	GWB evening meal	GWB Evening meal	Beach barbecue	Coach travel
7pm	Beach commandos	Big Beach Challenge	Silent Disco	Arrive at Dormston

The above itinerary is provisional based on student numbers and weather permitting.

We have managed to organise the trip with an estimated guide price of £450 including cost of travel. The actual cost depends on numbers and coach details and will be confirmed immediately after numbers are known. As the price is offered on a full board basis, students will only need to budget for drinks and snacks during the journey to and from Newquay as well as any personal money they wish to bring with them.

As this is a trip that involves students taking part in activities in open water, they will need to be confident swimmers and should be able to swim unaided for at least 50 metres. This is to ensure their safety and comfort whilst they take part in activities. First Wave Adventures will have their own first aid qualified instructors and will have a comprehensive risk assessment in place to ensure the safety of all participants.

I am sure you will appreciate that students will be taken on the understanding that their behaviour in school prior to the trip is exemplary. To comply with risk assessment guidelines it is not possible to take pupils who present a risk to themselves or other pupils or staff especially given the nature of the activities that will be undertaken. We therefore reserve the right to bar students from the trip whose behaviour has been unacceptable to us. In these exceptional



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circumstances where poor behaviour prevents a student from being taken on the trip, then I am afraid that monies paid to the company will be non-refundable. Please be aware a place on the trip will be subject to a behaviour contract. Should your child have a negative behaviour residual or any serious incidents on Go4Schools in the period of time before the trip, they will not be taken to Newquay. Parents/carers unfortunately will therefore lose their deposit.

**If you wish to accept the offer of a place on this trip, could you please confirm by paying the initial £50 deposit by the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

A ParentPay payment schedule has been set up as follows:

**Proposed Payment Schedule**

Initial deposit	£50 (non-refundable)	By 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Second deposit	£100 (non-refundable)	By end of October 2023
Third deposit	£100 (non-refundable)	By end of January 2024
Fourth Payment	£100 (non-refundable)	By end of February 2024
Final Payment	£100 (non-refundable)	By end of March 2024

As this trip was oversubscribed, we will need the first deposit to be paid on the time as stated in the schedule above. **If a student is unable to meet this deadline then we will have no other choice but to offer their place to a student on the waiting list.**

This is a great opportunity for students to make lasting memories.

Yours sincerely

*Mr Wilkes*

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**Activities Week Lead**