

**STANDON BOWERS OUTDOOR
EDUCATION CENTRE**

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<https://outdoored.entrust-ed.co.uk>

Dear Student and Parent,

Your school has booked a course at STANDON BOWERS OEC. We hope you are looking forward to the visit, and that the following information helps you to prepare for it.

Teachers from your school will already have planned the programme for the visit with the centre staff. You can find out from your teachers the activities you will take part in before the visit.

If the programme includes water activities you will need to make sure that we are aware of your swimming ability (see the consent form). You will be able to undertake some activities on very sheltered waters if you cannot swim, but you must be able to swim 50 metres to take part in specialist canoeing courses.

Your sleeping accommodation whilst with us could be either dormitories or tents. If tents, you will need to bring a sleeping bag. In dormitories you will be asked to provide a duvet cover and a pillowcase. Sheets are provided.

We want you to enjoy your stay with us, and to achieve this all we ask is for you to work alongside us, be on time, and help your group with duties morning and evening to maintain a clean and tidy Centre.

The activities over the course will at times be exciting and hopefully new to you. They will be led by our centre teachers and instructors, who are experienced and qualified and well used to all levels of ability. You should come prepared to try everything.

For your own safety we do not allow any students to leave the centre grounds unless on an activity organised by the staff.

There are no facilities to telephone home. In an emergency or some other pressing need, you may use the office telephone. Children are asked NOT to bring mobile phones to the centre.

We suggest you bring a number of changes of clothes that you will feel comfortable and warm in, and some that you don't mind getting dirty or wet. All clothes should have your name or initials in them.

CONSENT FORM:

The following form MUST be completed and signed by the person with Parental Responsibility, detached and given to your teacher, along with a completed MEDICAL FORM that you will have been given.

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PARENTAL CONSENT SLIP – PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN TO THE ORGANISING TEACHER

I have read the information sheet, understand the nature of the activities and consent to my child attending a residential course at Standon Bowers. I accept that if my child does not behave responsibly he/she may be asked to leave the Centre and it is my duty to make arrangements for their immediate return home.

My child's swimming ability is (**tick one box**):-

<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-swimmer	-	Special craft only or swimming pool
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swim less than 50 metres	-	All elementary water activities in sheltered water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swim 50 metres or more	-	Specialist sailing or canoeing courses

Occasionally photographs are taken of students undertaking activities for our publicity material including our website. Please tick the box to confirm that you have no objection to your child's photograph being used for this purpose.

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Name of Student **School**

Signed **(Person with Parental Responsibility) Date.....**