**Primary School Courses 2025 - 2026**

We offer a number of different courses designed for Primary schools:

* 5-day courses (*Discover and Explore*), each focused on specific learning outcomes
* 3 Day Courses (*Discover and Explore*) now available in low and mid-season
* Weekend courses including a range of outdoor adventure activities
* Bespoke courses customised to meet specific requirements

All of our courses use challenging outdoor activities in the beautiful natural setting of the Lake District National Park World Heritage Site, as a vehicle for learning and development. We help pupils to develop awareness of and respect for themselves, other people and the natural environment.

**5-day courses**

5-day courses normally run from 10.30 am on Monday to 1.30 pm on Friday.

The *Discover* course is aimed particularly at young pupils, in Years 4 or 5, as an introductory residential experience. They will enjoy new experiences, explore the natural environment, take first steps to independence and gain personal confidence.

The *Explore* course is ideal for pupils in Years 5 or 6. During an Explore course they will 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; understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Further details of these courses are on our website:

[Discover](http://derwenthill.co.uk/schools/courses/discover/) [Explore](http://derwenthill.co.uk/schools/courses/explore/)

**3-Day Courses**

Both the Discover and Explore Courses are available as a 3 Day package in low and mid-season.

These courses normally run from 10.30 am on Monday to 12.30 pm on Wednesday and from 12.00 pm on Wednesday through to 1.30 pm on Friday.

**Weekend courses**

Weekend courses normally run from 5.00 pm on Friday to 4.30 pm on Sunday. Our Activity Weekend provides an introduction to a range of outdoor activities. It can be tailored to focus on specific learning outcomes if required.

For further details are on our website: [Activity Weekend](http://derwenthill.co.uk/schools/courses/outdoor-activity-weekend/)

**Bespoke Custom Designed Courses**

We are also able to design custom courses based on your specific requirements such as learning objectives, activities, or length. Please note your requirements on the booking request form or contact us to discuss the possibilities.

**Prices per Pupil**

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| **Prices per pupil for standard 1 group courses** | **Primary schools 2025 - 2026** | | | | | |
| **Sunderland schools** | | | **Schools outside Sunderland** | | |
| **5-day** | **3-day** | **Weekend** | **5-day** | **3-day** | **Weekend** |
| **Low Season\*\***  Start and end in December, January, February | **£285** | **£171** | **£137** | **£346** | **£207** | **£170** |
| **Mid-Season\*\***  Start and end in November, March and April | **£317** | **£191** | **£152** | **£385** | **£231** | **£189** |
| **Peak Season**  Start and end in May, June, July, August, September and October  (Minimum fee per activity group applies) | **£364** | **£219** | **£174** | **£442** | **£265** | **£218** |

\*\*When the dates of the course extend across seasons, the lower season rate applies.

In prime season when there is increased demand for accommodation and on available resources a minimum fee per activity group applies.

(This does not apply in mid and low season)

We understand that when making a booking organisers may not be aware of their final numbers. To support you in this process we will forward a price and contract based on the numbers you intend to bring. If there is additional demand for places, please contact us and we will try to accommodate your needs.

**Visiting Staff**

We provide one free staff place per group.

* 1 Group: 2 Accompanying Staff
* 2 Groups: 3 Accompanying Staff
* 3 Groups: 4 Accompanying Staff

Whenever practically possible we encourage schools to also bring a floating member of staff, this would normally be the Visit Leader, their place will also be free of charge.

Any other additional staff will be charged equivalent to the pupil price of the visit.

Prices for custom courses and for courses requiring us to provide a higher staff ratio can be quoted on request.

**Group size**

We allocate activity groups to your course on a ratio of 1 Tutor: 12 Participants.

Where additional Derwent Hill staff are required to meet the specific needs of the group an additional charge will be made.

**Exclusive booking**

Our maximum capacity is 72 pupils and 9 accompanying staff. If you have a minimum of 62 pupils, you can make anExclusive booking and have sole use of the Education Centre.

If you have fewer than 62 pupils, you can make an Independent booking or a Joint booking with another school.

**Independent booking**

An Independent booking means that your pupils take part in their course separately from any other school in the Centre, but share facilities with them.

**Joint booking**

A Joint booking means that two or more schools get together to make a booking to optimise numbers and costs. Normally, pupils from the different schools will not share dormitories, but occasionally it is necessary for one or two rooms to be shared.

If there are at least 62 pupils between the schools, you will have the Centre to yourselves and can bring up to 71 pupils or 72 if there is an even gender split.

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|  | **Exclusive** | **Independent** | **Joint** |
| Pupils share dormitories with students of the same gender from another establishment. | No | No | Occasionally, when necessary |
| Staff share a bedroom with staff from another establishment. | No | No | No, unless agreed in advance |
| Staff share a twin bedroom with a colleague from their own establishment. | Yes, if more than 6 staff in total | | |
| Pupils share activity groups with those from another school. | No | No | Yes |
| Staff sometimes accompany / supervise students from another establishment. | No | No | Yes |
| Centre facilities are shared with pupils from another establishment. | No | No | Yes |
| Derwent Hill grounds are shared with other users. | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Separate gender specific changing rooms for pupils and staff. | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Separate changing rooms for each school on departure day | N/A | Yes | Yes |