

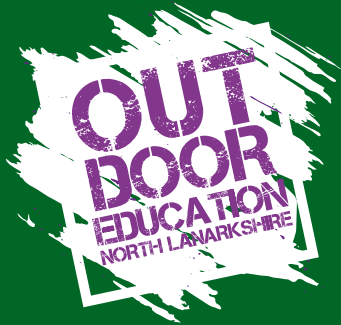
**OUT
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EDUCATION**
NORTH LANARKSHIRE

PARENT'S INFO

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE!

PUPILS WILL LEARN NEW SKILLS, CHALLENGE THEMSELVES, TAKE RISKS, DISCOVER THE WOODS, AND WATER, AND ENJOY EVERYTHING THAT THE GREAT OUTDOORS HAS TO OFFER, RIGHT ON YOUR DOORSTEP AT STRATHCLYDE COUNTRY PARK.





IT'S ALL ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE!

We want our children and young people to fully appreciate the world around them - to look up and appreciate a blue sky, dark cloud or the falling rain. We live in a beautiful part of Scotland but many of us are not aware of the wealth of woodland, plants and wildlife just on their doorstep.

We can offer your child an exciting five-day outdoor activity adventure at our very own Strathclyde Country Park. Your child will experience fun-packed activities that meet the school curriculum.

The outdoor programme allows pupils to participate in challenging activities that encourage them to become healthy, resilient, confident and responsible people.

These experiences also improve the health and well-being of young people and encourages them to

work as a team, learn new skills and feel part of the action in an outdoor setting.

During the activity programme our experienced Outdoor Team and Park Rangers staff will support your child to participate safely and with confidence.

Over the five day trip, pupils' achievements will be recognised and celebrated.



Visit [@SP_edprogramme](#) twitter page to see highlights from previous schools that have attended the programme.

What will your child be doing?

Your child will take part in a variety of activities each day including

- **Buschcraft**
- **Bikeability programme**
- **Led cycle**
- **Fun Boats**
- **Orienteering**
- **Park Explorers**
- **Highland games**
- **Nightwalk**
- **Archery**
- **Team Building**
- **Scottish Rowing**

***Additional cost of £8 per pupil for this activity.

Activities may vary due to weather conditions.

A high quality outdoor learning experience develops resilience, confidence, team building, an appreciation of nature and the environment, and significant physical and mental health benefits.



A typical day

- **9.15am - 9.30am - Pupils arrive at Watersports Centre**
- **9.40am - Coach introductions - what to expect, plan for the day, what is expected of the pupils, safety measures, toilets and first aid**
- **10am - Groups make their way to the first activity**
- **12noon - Lunch break**
- **12.30pm - Move to the next activity**
- **2.05pm - Coaches wrap up for the day, let pupils know what they are doing the next day and get them ready for the bus journey home**
- **2.15pm - Pupils depart on bus to return to school for normal pick up time**



What you need to know

The activity programme will take place all over Strathclyde Park, with the main base being the events area at the Watersports Centre.

The pupils will be split into different groups for the week.

Pupils will be provided with a lunch each day at the park. The lunch will consist of a sandwich, a snack (home baking or crisps), yoghurt's and a bottle of water. We would ask that pupils **DO NOT** bring any valuable items such as phones, money, airpods etc as there are no secure lockers and we do not take responsibility of any damage or loss to personnel items.

There will be regular hand washing throughout the day. Hand sanitiser will also be used regularly during and after each activity. Surfaces and equipment will be sanitised throughout the day, ready for the following day.

There are separate toilets from the public for the pupils to use throughout the day. These toilets are checked and cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day by the cleaning staff.

All group leaders and activity coaches are PVG checked, have first aid training and have the relevant qualifications for the activities.

Each activity area has been risk assessed and daily checks will take place.



Weekly Schedule

Day					
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Frid
9am	Bus pick up from school				
9.30am	Arrive at Park and welcomed by park staff				
9.45am-12noon	Activity 1 Team Building	Activity 1 & 2 Boats Archery	Activity 1 Bikeability 2	Activity 1 Orienteering	Activity 1 Bushcraft
12noon-12.30pm	Lunch				
12.30pm-2pm	Activity 2 Bikeability 1 / 2	Activity 3 Highland Games	Activity 2 Led Cycle round park	Activity 2 Den Building	Activity 2 Group Games / Awards Ceremony
2.15pm	Depart park on bus				
2.50pm	Arrive back at school				

Please note that this is an example timetable and new activities can be added at any point.

What do pupils need each day?

- **snacks for break times and plenty of water.**
- **warm clothing for cold weather (scarf, hat, gloves, warm layers).**
- **Bring a jacket. We provide waterproof clothing.**
- **a towel to dry off when changing into dry clothes.**
- **We provide cycling helmet. If you wish, you can bring your own cycling helmet (No BMX or full face helmets).**
- **We recommend bringing old shoes and a pair of wellies (we have spare wellies if pupils need).**



Preparing for the activity programme



Before your child attends the activity programme, you will receive a registration form to complete and return to the school. This must include current emergency contacts and medical information for each pupil. Please ensure any medication that your child needs is in date and brought to the programme each day.

This form will be given to your child's Coach and kept with them at all times during the day. Outwith that time, the forms will be kept in a secured location on site.



Bikeability Information

We would encourage pupils to practice cycling in preparation for coming to the park. We will aim to deliver Bikeability level 1 at the school.

The Bikeability Level 1 course aims to develop mastery in cycle handling in an off-road environment and prepare riders for cycling on the road.

The pupils will take part in the Level 2 Bikeability training at the park.

The Bikeability Level 2 course aims to develop riders' skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads and simple junctions with mostly moderate motor traffic flows (where riders encounter vehicles with progressively greater frequency in each module), and prepares riders for cycling on more complex, often busier or faster roads and junctions. Riders must have fully demonstrated Bikeability Level 1 National Standard assessment criteria before they start Bikeability Level 2 training.

The pupils will have access to the fleet of bikes that are stored at the park and are specifically used for this programme. There are helmets at the park that the pupils can use, however if they would like to bring their own helmet, they are more than welcome too. We would recommend that pupils bring gloves with them when partaking in cycling, as the weather can get very cold and it is a struggle to hold onto the handle bars when your hands are cold. We do have spare gloves for pupils if they forget them.

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