

Alliance Partnership

(Belford, Felton, Hipsburn, Swarland and Whittingham)

Edinburgh Residential Visit

Parent Information

25th – 26th June 2026

Please note these details are correct at time of printing but subject to change.



Schools involved in the visit

Belford
Felton
Hipsburn
Swarland
Whittingham

Prior to departure checklist for parents	
1. All medication & permissions to be returned to school by Monday 22 nd June at the latest.	
2. Clothing packed in a named bag – name of child and school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suitable walking footwear ● Towel ● Change of clothing and underwear ● Waterproof coat ● Toiletries
3. Packed lunch for day 1 in a disposable bag (no glass bottles and NO NUTS or products containing nuts) and a refillable water bottle in a small rucksack with activities for the coach journey. The children will use this rucksack whilst in Edinburgh	Children can bring small games, puzzle books, reading books, Uno cards etc to play on the coach. No electronic games or devices.
4. Money for souvenirs	Limit of £30.
5. Caps will be distributed on the day	Colour coded per school
6. Disposable camera only – no electronic devices	No smart watches
7. A separate bag to case/rucksack on coach to carry money and packed lunch activities for on the coach.	

Itinerary

Thursday 25 th June		
Time:	Event:	Notes:
08.45	Arrive at Swarland Primary School for registration	.
09:15	Coach leaves Swarland Primary	The coach will not be able to wait for latecomers
11:45	Arrive in Edinburgh	
12:15	Guided tour Real Mary King's Close	
13:30	Walk to Princes Park for packed lunch	
15:30	Arrive and check in at Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel	
17:00	Pizza Express meal	
19:00	Festival Theatre – Karate Kid	
22:00	Return to Youth Hostel	

Friday 26 th June 2026		
Time:	Event:	Notes:
7:30am	Breakfast.	
8:30am	Check out of hostel and collect packed lunches	
09.30	Visit Edinburgh Castle,	
11:50	Visit Dynamic Earth	
13:40pm	Packed lunch outside of Dynamic Earth	
14:00	Depart Edinburgh	
16 15	Expected arrival time back at Swarland Primary School	School office will inform parents when the group are 1 hour away.

Notes:

Medication

The allocated member of staff for each school administer medication with agreement from parent.

Upon return, parents of those children who have been given additional medication will be informed.

Travel

No electrical equipment.

Children able to watch DVDs rated PG (letter sent to parents for permission).

Hostel.

Children must bring own towel.

No kettle or electrical equipment in rooms.

Children will be briefed with regard to security and told that they must no open the door to anyone unknown to them.

Check-in

Teachers rooms are to be dispersed amongst their group's rooms.

Check-out

At 8:45am. Children to pack own belongings. Please ensure case/rucksack is light enough for your child to carry to the coach to the hostel. We advise a smaller bag children can carry around the city with their water bottle and money.

Fire Safety.

Children will be advised to remain in rooms until their group leader collects.

Money

Agreed limit £30

Activities

Festival Theatre

Festival Theatre Trip to watch the musical of Karate Kid.

Dynamic Earth

Dynamic Earth is Edinburgh's world-class Science Centre and Planetarium, telling the epic story of planet earth from beginning to now. In the 90-minute interactive walk-through and planetarium experience children will discover millions of years of evolution from the big bang to the challenges of the present day.

Real Mary King's Close

Children explore preserved 17th-century streets beneath the city with a costumed character guide, and discover the real lives of those who once called the Close home.

Edinburgh Castle

Children will explore Key points – Meg Mons (cannon), St Mary's Chapel – oldest building in Edinburgh, look out points, Scottish Crown jewels.

Meal at Pizza Express

Meal pre-ordered and selected by children.

