



Sandwell
Metropolitan Borough Council

Residential Education Service



FRANK CHAPMAN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE
13th October – 17th October 2025

ORCHARD VILLAGE @ FRANK CHAPMAN

Location

The Frank Chapman Centre is situated in the beautiful Wyre Forest, near Bewdley in Worcestershire, DY12 2TY

Outside

The centre has approximately 90 acres of SSSI woodland which includes fields, streams and play areas - plenty of safe space to explore!

Inside

Spacious rooms for creative experiences, team games, and recreation.



40 beds

Sole occupancy

4 pupils per glamping pod

AROUND THE SITE





Exciting challenges...



... in memorable places



And time to play.

ACTIVITIES

Activities at the centre are about adventure, challenge, exploration, discovery and learning through experience.

We make full use of the beautiful 90 acre ancient woodland

Activities can include:

- High ropes course
- Climbing wall/abseil
- Bushcraft skills and shelter building
- Night walk and campfires
- Orienteering / Geo caching
- Underground mine
- Archery
- Team confidence building games



We include structured free time; this is a great chance for relationships develop.



LEARNING

Whether it's delivering high quality outdoor activities or simply learning through staying away from home and having fun, the Frank Chapman team help every young person achieve more than they ever expected.

We are specialists in residential experiences, and believe passionately in its value.

Tailored Programmes

Every visit is unique. The team work with school and the pupils to shape an exciting, fun, and meaningful visit to Frank Chapman.



Group sizes are 12 students to 1 Frank Chapman tutor supported by school staff.

WHY GO TO FRANK CHAPMAN?

A YOUNG PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE

Try out exciting activities like climbing, geocaching and building fires.

Explore an amazing new place

Make new friends and get to know your classmates even better

It's an adventure! Go beyond your comfort zone and be open to new experiences

Develop skills, discover passions, boost confidence





SLEEPING

We have 40 beds in comfortable glamping pods

Each pod sleeps 4 pupils

You'll have sole use of the pods and dining area

Showers and toilet facilities are nearby

Teacher pods are nearby and centre staff are on hand to provide 24 hour on-site support.

Flood lights and door alarms available





FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Home cooked food and cakes!

We cater for **all** dietary requirements

Plenty of choice and variety

Example meals:

- Chicken tikka curry with rice & naan
- Sausage with mash & veg
- Fish fingers & chips
- Meatballs / Bolognaise pasta
- Jacket potato option with salad



Key Times/Dates:

Monday 13th October

- Children **must be accompanied to school by an adult** to drop off their bags/cases in the hall **from 8:45am** before lining up as usual in the playground.
- Children will be registered in the hall.
- Parents/guardians may wish to wait on Oak Park Road to wave the coach off at approximately **9:15am** hopefully arriving at Frank Chapman around 10.30am for activities to begin after lunch.
- **A packed lunch is required** for this day (accessible in a backpack).

Friday 17th October

- Leave Frank Chapman after lunch around 12:45pm and arrive back at school, traffic permitting at **around 2:00pm.:**
- You can collect children at 2:00 as normal, however **all children must be collected by an adult** – they will not be allowed to walk home on their own with bags and we may need to feedback information.
- We will post updates of our ETA on via School life

Frequently asked Questions:

Do we stay in the same pods every night?

- Yes, unless there is a real problem or need e.g. behaviour
- Staff have already carefully grouped pupils to try and make sure that we all have the best experience possible.
- Even if children are not sharing a pod with all of their best friends, there is plenty of free time in the day for them to spend together.
- We will all be in our pods by 9:00pm at the latest – we will all be tired from all the activities and we will start bright and early each day even if you're tired.

Hygiene

- All children will be expected to shower and wash daily due to the amount of exercise they will be doing!
- We encourage ALL children to pack roll-on deodorant as part of their toiletry bag that they bring with them (no sprays please due to asthma).
- **Don't forget a towel and your toothbrush!!!**

Frequently asked Questions:

Where and when do we eat?

- Breakfast and dinner will usually be eaten in the dining room.
- Lunch will be eaten outside in the “barn” area in the centre of all the pods.

What happens if I don't like the food?

- All food is cooked fresh on-site.
- There is usually something that children will like – of course there may be meals where children are not too keen – we monitor this and encourage children to try foods where possible.
- Fruit and water is made available at every meal.
- Children can bring a small amount of snacks with them, however these can only be eaten outside in their free time and are not to be eaten during activities.
- **No chewing gum, no nuts or products containing nuts, no fizzy drinks!**

Frequently asked Questions:

What if it rains?

- **We get wet!**
- All activities will go ahead as long as the Centre staff believe it is safe to do so.
- **It is really important that you pack for all weathers!**
- Bring layers. A waterproof is a must have but also consider, t-shirts, jumpers, long-sleeve tops, socks and trainers/boots etc.
- Wellies can be borrowed if needed.
- Please don't pack best clothes or fresh, white trainers: clothes will come back dirty!
- Bring a couple of **empty plastic bags** for wet/dirty clothing to keep separate in bags/cases

Do I need a torch?

- It is not essential, but it does get dark at night as there are no streetlights so a small torch may be a good idea if you have one.

Frequently asked Questions:

Do I need spending money?

- The centre has a very small gift shop (a cupboard) that sells pens, pencils, small teddies, etc.
- Children will have a chance to visit (if it is stocked) before we leave on the last day. A couple of pounds is more than enough but please don't bring more than **£10**. Please send any money in change. Children will be responsible for keeping their own money safe.

What if my child is ill while they are there?

- If a child has a headache, stomach cramps or particularly bad hay fever, we can give paracetamol, ibuprofen, antihistamines etc. **as long as you have filled out a medical consent form.**
- Anything worse than this, then we would contact you (and school) using the emergency contact details given.
- Please label medications with children's names. We will collect these in and supervise administering them at the correct times or as needed.
- **Children who require an inhaler or EpiPen will need to carry these with them at all times!**

Frequently asked Questions

Can I take my phone?

- **No!**
- Signal at the centre is poor and there isn't any Wi-Fi.
- There won't be any time for sitting and browsing the internet!
- The point of the visit is to get us outdoors doing things that we wouldn't usually do at home or at school.
- We appreciate that children may want to take phones to use the camera, however school staff will take photographs during our visit.
- However, children may wish to bring a book or small card games for use during their down times or encase it rains and we can't get out as much.

Form to complete by 03.10.2025

- General consent form (2 pages)
- Medical forms – one form per medication

we can only give medication that is prescribed by a doctor.

On the day of the trip

Ms Tsang will be waiting at the hall entrance for any medication which needs to be handed over by an adult.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



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