

Pioneer Centre Parent Meeting 1

(Parent meeting 2 will be around January 2026)

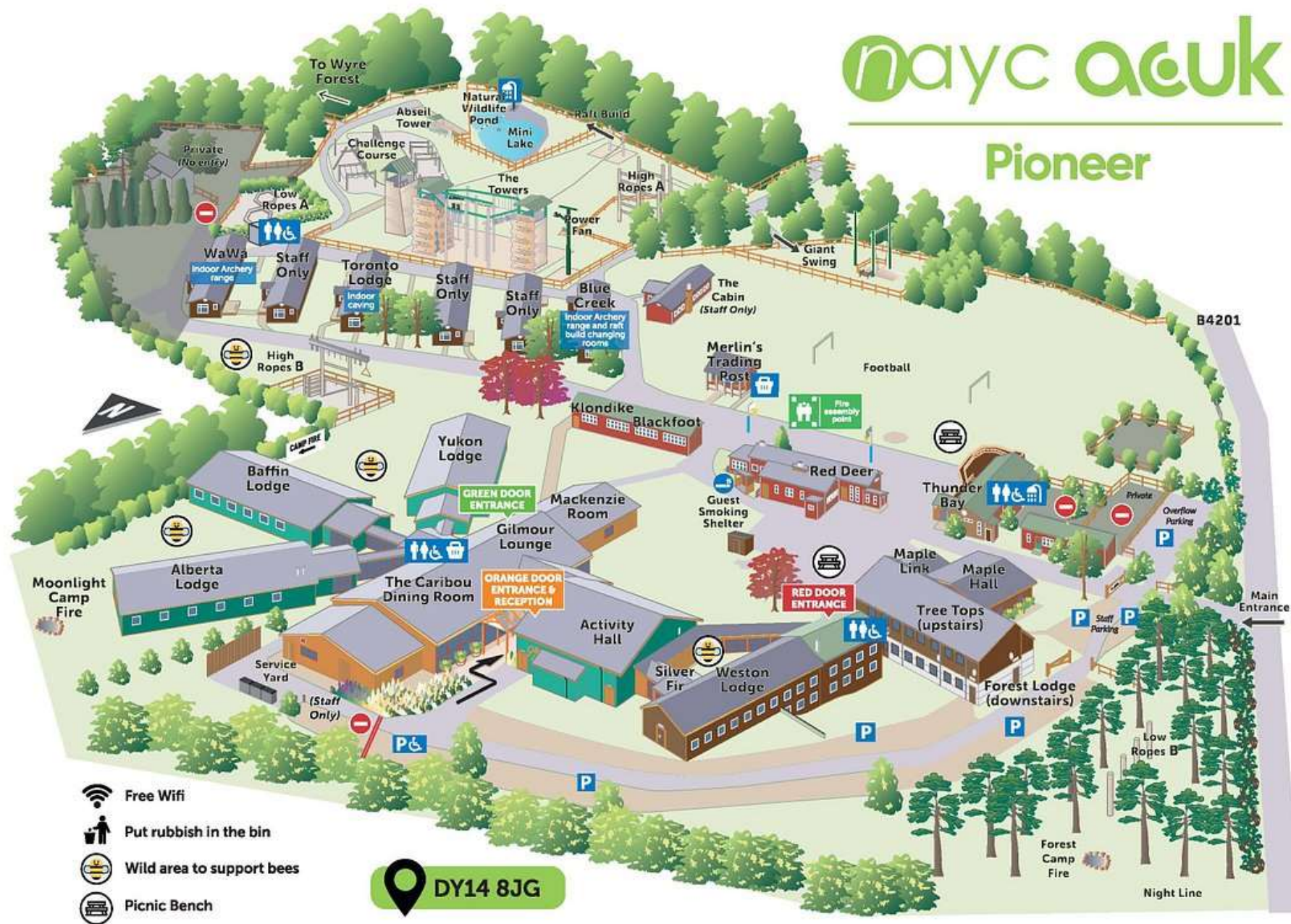
Dates: Wednesday 25th February -
Friday 27th 2026

The cost will depend on the number of children who go. As a guide, last year the cost was £125.00, which could be paid in installments or in a one-off payment.

The Pioneer Centre

(about 35 minutes away)





Who goes on the trip:

- Around 5 members of staff from Perdiswell will accompany your children on this visit. Class teaches will lead the trip and are supported by other members of the school team.
- The children are then split into small groups led by one of the Perdiswell staff members and an instructor who leads all the sessions at the Pioneer Centre.

Dining Hall

- Wake up time: 7:30-7:45am!
- Breakfast 8.30am
- Lunch 1.15pm
- Dinner 5.45pm
- When you enter the Dining Room for a meal you will go straight away and sit at our school's tables. These sit 8-10 people.
- One of the staff will then take charge and organise each table to go to the servery or serveries in turn.
- Desserts are served direct to the tables.
- At the end of their meal, everyone is requested to take their plates, cutlery etc. to the clearing tables.
- Guests who have requested a special diet will be given a ticket for a special diet and shown where to wait to be served.
- Bedtime: 9:30-10pm (lights out!)



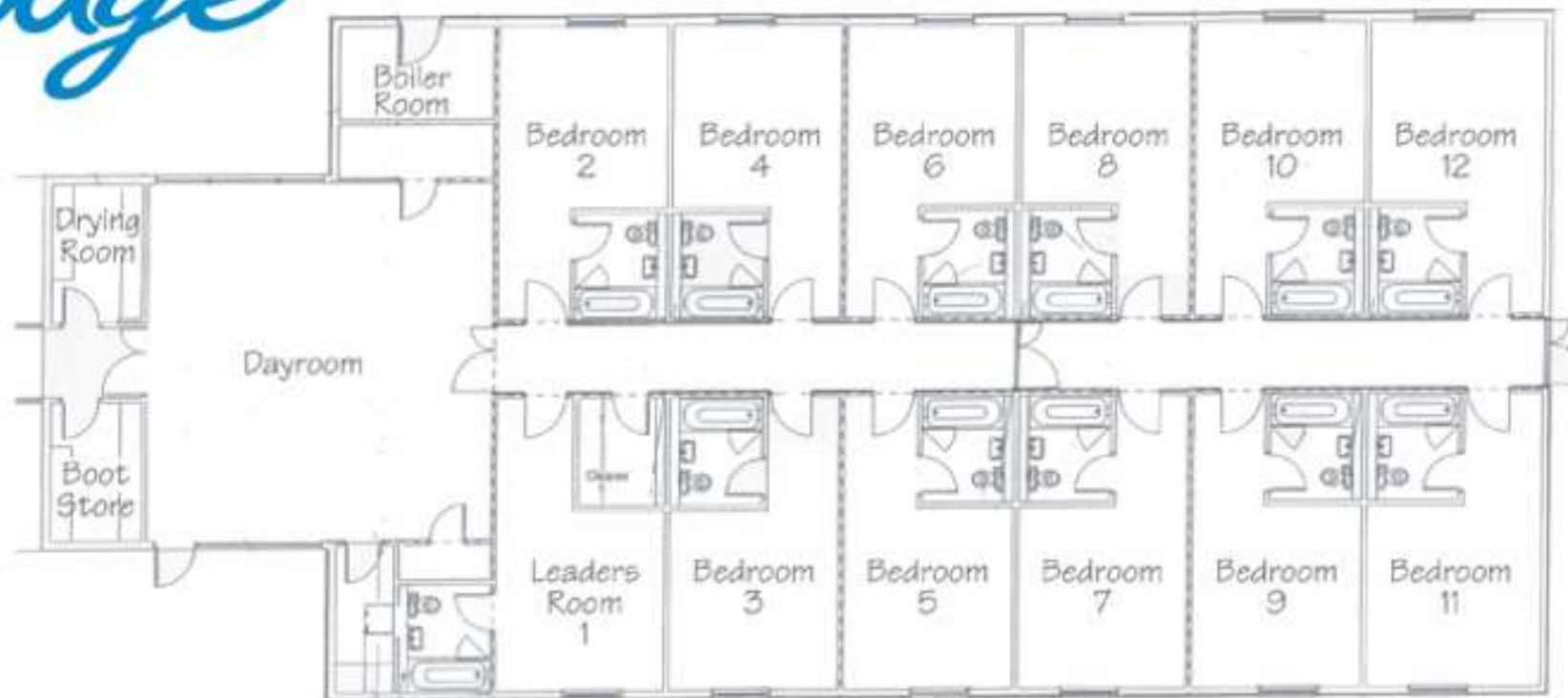
Bedrooms



- Rooms 3-5 people in each room
- All 4-bedded rooms have 2 single & 1 bunk bed
- Some rooms have a bath with a shower, others are wet rooms
- We want children to be able to show respect
- Dorm inspections
- Stripping beds - removing the duvet cover, pillow case and bottom sheet from your bed on final morning.



Baffin Lodge



	Wednesday 26th February				Thursday 27th February						Friday 28th February				
Session Times	2-3.30	4-5.30	DINNER TIME	7.15-8.30	9.30-11	11.30-1	LUNCH TIME	2-3.30	4-5.30	DINNER TIME		9.30-11	11.30-1	Lunch Time	Depart & Goodbyes
	Session 3	Session 4		Session 5	Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4		Session 5	Session 1	Session 2		
Group 1	ABSEIL/ZIP	ARCHERY		CAMP FIRE 1	CLIMBING	CAVING		HIGH ROPES	INFLATABLE CHALLENGE		OPEN SESSION	CHALLENGE COURSE	GAMES SHOP AWARDS		
Group 2	ABSEIL/ZIP	HIGH ROPES		CAMP FIRE 1	ARCHERY	CLIMBING		CHALLENGE COURSE	CAVING		OPEN SESSION	INFLATABLE CHALLENGE	GAMES SHOP AWARDS		
Group 3	CAVING	CLIMBING		CAMP FIRE 1	ABSEIL/ZIP	INFLATABLE CHALLENGE		ARCHERY	CHALLENGE COURSE		OPEN SESSION	HIGH ROPES	GAMES SHOP AWARDS		
Group 4	HIGH ROPES	INFLATABLE CHALLENGE	CAMP FIRE 1	ABSEIL/ZIP	ARCHERY	CAVING	CHALLENGE COURSE	OPEN SESSION	CLIMBING	GAMES SHOP AWARDS					
Group 5	CAVING	ABSEIL/ZIP	CAMP FIRE 1	INFLATABLE CHALLENGE	CHALLENGE COURSE	HIGH ROPES	ARCHERY	OPEN SESSION	CLIMBING	GAMES SHOP AWARDS					

Our individual activity sessions are suitable for up to 14 participants.

"Open Session" is a relaxed evening which can be self-organised activities led by the school leaders. Pioneer can supply Activity Packs upon request at reception once onsite. Shop will also be available. Please note there are no centre led activities during this session slot and groups leaders are responsible to manage their groups during this period.

Approximately 10-12 in each activity group – 5 groups of 10.

Student benefits of going on a residential trip

- Developing independence

Going on a residential trip encourages students to step out of their comfort zone and embrace the world without their parents. For many children, a school trip will be the first time that they are away from their family, which aids social development through creating bonds with their peers and use initiative to problem solve.



- Improved confidence and self esteem

Whilst on an adventure trip students will overcome challenges and achieve things that they did not think possible. This gives them a large confidence boost that they can take into other areas of their life and learning. We also reap these benefits for the children's remaining time in Year 5 too.



- Provide wider opportunities
- Children have the opportunity to experience activities that we would not be able to facilitate in the classroom



- Making lifelong memories
- Ask many adults and the memory that stands out the most from school is a trip away! I'm sure if any of you went on a school residential trip, you will still hopefully have fond memories of this!
- These are memories that can last a lifetime!



- It is right for your child (and yourselves) to feel nervous about the residential. Many children have those butterflies in their tummy before they go on the trip. However, as soon as the children are on the trip, the butterflies flutter away
- This is a fantastic learning opportunity for your children, and an opportunity for the children to build upon a wider variety of skills.





Packing List

- A list of what to pack will come nearer the time.
- However, comfortable clothing, sturdy footwear, waterproof jacket, personal hygiene items, water bottle are amongst some of the items to pack.
- On arrival, all children are required to make their own beds. This includes putting on a bed sheet, duvet cover and pillow cases. Now is the time to start practicing this.

Pupil Comments

This is the best trip I have ever been on! I also got to eat a LOT of sweets!

I was unsure if I wanted to go, but, I am so glad I did! It was the BEST!

I wish I could go every year! The food, the activities and just everything was IMMENSE!

I was nervous before I went, but knowing I would be there with my friends made it better and I had a great time!

When else do you get to see your teachers go down the zip wire?

What

When

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Who

ANY QUESTIONS?

How

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Where

Why