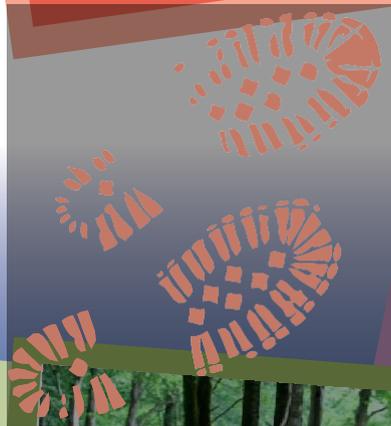
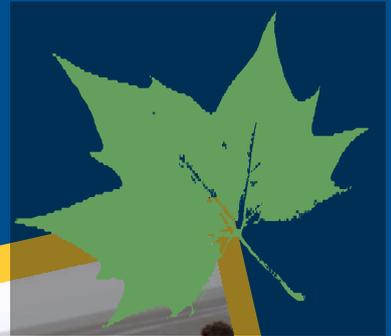




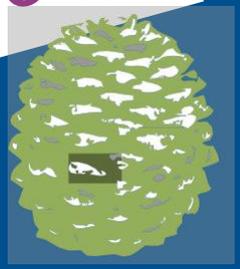
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RESIDENTIAL STUDY AND
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRES

DORSET



Delivering Excellence
Outside the Classroom





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Hooke, West Dorset



welcome

to Hooke Court Residential Study Centres

For over 20 years at Hooke Court we have delivered **first class residential school trips** to children of all ages. We pride ourselves on our **educational and inspirational activities** designed to enhance curriculum learning within a unique educational environment.

As a small family business we offer that extra special, personal touch, which allows us to meet each group's particular needs and requirements.

"A fantastic stay! The children have loved their time here and have learnt so much."

St Michael, Church of England,
Sandhurst, Surrey



HOOKE COURT, DORSET

A delightful 14th Century Manor House set in the heart of rural West Dorset. Choose to stay in our dormitory-style accommodation or camp in the great outdoors.



Quality Badge awarded by



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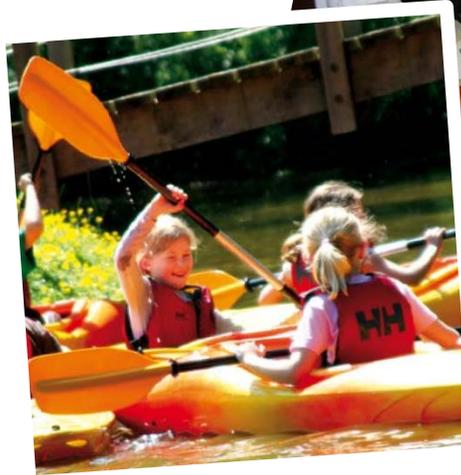
Hooke Court, Dorset

a taste



Located just 11 miles from the Jurassic Coast, in the small village of Hooke in rural West Dorset, Hooke Court, Dorset, is a magnificent setting in which to stimulate and educate children.

24 acres of stunning parkland, a Grade II listed 14th century manor house, with ornamental moat, Firs Pond, landscaped gardens, woodlands, playground and playing fields make this a truly beautiful and inspirational Field Study Centre.



BRINGING
LEARNING
TO LIFE

EXCITING ACTIVITIES



10 REASONS TO CHOOSE HOOKE COURT, DORSET, FOR YOUR FIELD STUDIES VISIT:

- A fantastic range of exciting activities carefully designed to enhance curriculum learning
- Stunning historic, rural setting which really brings learning to life
- Over 20 years experience of delivering excellence
- Learning Outside the Classroom accredited
- Experienced tutors
- Flexible learning options
- Personal attention and care
- Accommodation for up to 190 plus additional camping facilities in the summer months.
- Fully catered, providing healthy and nutritious food
- Proven safety record





Medical, Dietary and Consent



We are pleased to be using our new Parent App to allow you to view the latest information held on you and your child at any time.

As well as providing you with access to the medical and dietary needs held, you are now able to give consent and confirm your child's:

- Swimming ability
- If Mild Pain Killers can be given on trips
- If Application of hypo-allergenic sun cream on trips

Please ensure all fields are completed, taking care to include the name and address of your child's doctor and the contact number for the surgery in case of emergency.

If your child is receiving any of the following please let the school know so that we can record this information:

- Support and/or treatment for mental health from their counsellor or Doctor.
- Medical or surgical treatment of any kind from their Doctor or hospital.
- Has been given specific medical advice to follow in emergencies.
- Is on a regular medication which will need to be taken during the residential trip.

The information held will be taken to support your child(ren) and their individual needs during the trip so please do take care when checking this.





education

at Hooke Court, Dorset



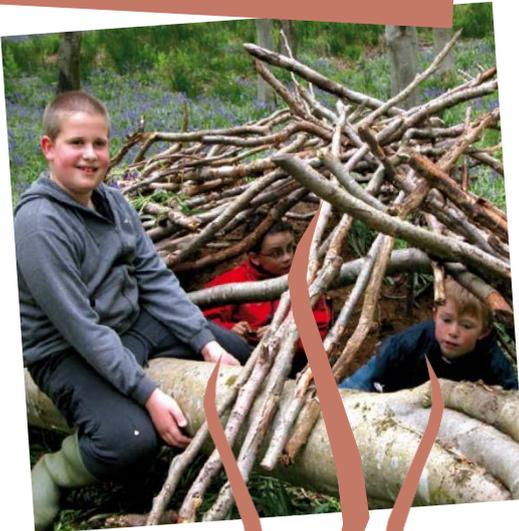
At Hooke Court, Dorset, whatever your learning and budget requirements we will work with you to ensure you enjoy a truly memorable and educational trip. We want your class to go away having learnt from, experienced and been inspired by their activities and surroundings.

- Experience our unique, incredibly popular and excellent value 3 day programmes of activities designed to enhance learning within specific topics of the National Curriculum for KS2.
- Stay for as long as you like and enjoy any of our range of activities led by our highly trained and experienced tutors. Alternatively, stay and do your own thing!
- Enjoy your activities on site or go off site and explore the local area and all that it has to offer.
- Mix and match from our range of activity options to create a programme that suits your needs!
- Ask us to design an activity or programme just for you.
- Choose from full or half day or evening sessions.

LIVING HISTORY

BUSHCRAFT

OUTDOOR ACTION



ACTIVITY OPTIONS

We will inspire your children to learn more about their topics through our innovative, creative and practical activities designed to bring the Curriculum to life.

- **LIVING HISTORY** - Bring history to life in the 14th Century Manor House and reconstructed Saxon Hut
- **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & TEAM BUILDING** - Build team work, confidence and communication skills
- **PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY** - See for yourself how our landforms have changed and are changing
- **SCIENCE** - Breathe life into scientific principles
- **FOOD & FARMING** - Bring the field to the fork!
- **BUSHCRAFT** - Test your survival skills, Ray Mearsstyle!
- **FOREST SCHOOL** - A fun day of outdoor activities related to the Curriculum

For the full range and details of all our activities see the Activity Pages at the back of this brochure. Choose activities from these pages to create your own bespoke package or contact us for details of our standard 3 day programmes designed to focus on particular topic areas.



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accommodation

at Hooke Court, Dorset

We can accommodate up to 240 pupils in 6 self contained units. All groups are fully catered and accommodated in their own area.



FACILITIES IN EACH ACCOMMODATION UNIT INCLUDE:

- Bunk bedded dormitories with shared bathrooms for children
- Staff bedrooms - twin and single rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms
- Kitchenette
- Common room
- Staff room
- Boot room
- Play area
- Shared playing fields and a host of other facilities within the grounds.

Food

Wherever possible we provide locally sourced, home cooked food for our groups. Meals are planned to be healthy and nutritious.

All groups are allocated a meal time and dining room on arrival so that each group eats separately.

We provide:

- Cooked and continental breakfast with cereals, toast, juice, tea and coffee
- A packed lunch
- Hot Evening Meal
- Break time and bed time drinks and snacks

All special diets are catered for. We liaise with each group prior to their stay to ensure that we fully understand the requirements of all members of the group.

Staff eat at the same time as their group. They have their own dining table within the dining room so that they can enjoy their meal whilst still being able to supervise their group.

Sample Menu

Breakfast: Juice, cereal, beans on toast, hot drink.

Mid-Morning Snack: Squash and biscuits.

Lunch:* selection of sandwiches, homemade cake, fruit, yoghurt.

Mid-Afternoon Snack: Squash and biscuits.

Evening Meal:* Pasta with a homemade tomato & vegetable sauce, served with cheese, garlic bread and salad. Yorkshire pudding with sausage, potato wedges, carrots, peas and gravy. Sweet & sour pork and rice.

Puddings: Fresh fruit salad. Fruit crumble and custard.

**Salad and fresh fruit are available at all lunch and evening meals.*



Essential Items for a stay at Hooke Court

Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty – so old clothes are best! We try to help children look after their things, but items regularly get lost or left behind. We therefore strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing – and provide your child with a packing list, so that he/she can check items back into their bag.

Please use the following checklist to help pack bags:

- **Toiletries bag containing: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc (no aerosols)**
- **Towels**
- **Night clothes**
- **Socks and underwear**
- **T-shirts, shirts / blouses (at least 1 with long-sleeves)**
- **Thick sweater or sweat shirt, lighter sweater for inside**
- **Trousers, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, shorts or skirts as required**
- **Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)**
- **Sturdy shoes or wellingtons – necessary all year round for outside activities**
- **2 Pairs of trainers (one old pair that can get wet if kayaking)**
- **Indoor shoes and slippers**
- **Historical costume if required**
- **Cuddly toy**
- **Torch (particularly necessary for night walks and Murder at Hooke Court)**
- **Large plastic bag for dirty clothes**
- **Gloves, hat, scarf (in winter)**
- **Sun hat and cream (in summer)**
- **Water Bottle**
- **Disposable Camera**
- **Lunch for Day One**

* Please note that outdoor activities require long sleeves and long trousers even in the summer to protect legs and arms from scratches, ticks etc.

Please do not send mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, ipods or mp3 players, expensive or much-cherished jewellery, expensive or favourite clothing or shoes. All accommodation is locked securely but we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.



FAQs

How safe is my child going to be?

We are a member of the council for Learning Outside the Classroom, our equipment is inspected annually by ROSPA and all our staff are CRB checked. We pride ourselves on an exemplary safety record and are fully committed to ensuring your child is always safe whilst staying with us.

What happens if my child has an accident or is sick?

Your child's teacher will look after your child at all times. However we are always at hand to provide assistance, guidance and support. If your child has an accident which requires hospital or doctor intervention we will be on hand to organise transport etc. We are registered with the local doctors who are more than helpful with the treatment of our guests.

Who is responsible for my child whilst they are staying at Hooke Court?

Your child's teachers are responsible for your child at all times during their stay. Hooke Court staff are all experienced at dealing with groups of children of all ages. Many of our tutors have come from the teaching profession and often have children of their own which equips them well for tutoring your child. They will keep your child so busy and fill their time with such enjoyable activities and experiences that there will be no time for home sickness!

Do children from different schools mix?

We are delighted to say that the answer to this is no! All schools and groups are accommodated in their own accommodation unit with their own common room, boot room and kitchenette. All groups eat their meals separately. Each group will participate in their own activities.

Will children need additional pocket money?

We provide all the food, snacks and drinks that your child will need. We do have a small shop selling souvenirs and a selection of confectionery. It is up to your child's teacher whether they would like to make use of this facility.

What are your accommodation arrangements like?

Children are accommodated in fully central heated bunk-bedded dormitories. Sheets, duvets and pillows are provided unless your child is camping, in which case he/she will need to bring a sleeping bag. School staff sleep in single and twin rooms amongst the children's dormitories. Your child's teaching staff will decide on dormitory allocation. Each accommodation unit has its own common room, showers, toilets, boot room and kitchenette for making cold and hot drinks. There are also members of Hooke Court staff who live on site and will be able to help if there are any problems.

Can parents telephone the Centre during the trip?

In case of emergency please call your school emergency contact. They will then be able to contact your child's teachers.

What care is available during the night?

Your child's teachers sleep in the same accommodation as the children so are always on hand. There are also residential staff at Hooke Court who can be called on to help in the case of an emergency.



When is bedtime?

This is entirely at the discretion of your school staff. Activities are usually finished by 8.30pm and then school staff will supervise the bedtime routine.

What about children with special needs?

We liaise closely with school staff prior to their visit with regards to children with special needs. We will assess the needs of the individual in the context of Hooke Court and will endeavour to provide appropriate accommodation and activities. Where the special needs of a child are severe we are happy for them to come on a preview visit with a carer to familiarize themselves with the Centre and ensure that we have adequate provision. Some of our accommodation has full disabled access. There are also many paths around the site which are suitable for wheelchairs.

What's the food like?

We provide locally sourced, healthy meals which the children will enjoy. We also cater for all special diets.

Do you cater for children with special diets?

Our catering staff are very used to providing for a wide range of dietary requirements. All special diets are catered for. We liaise with each group prior to their visit to ensure that we fully understand the requirements of all members of the group. Please make sure your group leader knows if your child suffers from any allergies or has any special dietary needs. We will work with them to ensure that we can cater for your child.

What does my child need to bring?

Clothing and shoes worn during activities will often get dirty – so old clothes are best! We strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing so we can send them back to you if they are found after your stay. Your child's group leaders are best placed to advise you on what to pack.

Should my child bring a mobile phone, ipod or other electrical items?

We strongly advise that children do not bring mobile phones or other expensive electrical equipment, jewellery etc in case they get lost or damaged. Please ask your child's teacher for further guidance on this issue. Please note that mobile phone coverage at Hooke Court is limited and only certain networks will work.

Disability Policy

All guests are welcome at Hooke Court. We endeavour to provide all our guests with the same level of service irrespective of any disability they may have.

Prior to a visit we ensure that the individual needs of any member of the group are fully investigated and necessary measures implemented where possible.

At Hooke Court, Dorset, we have some accommodation which is accessible to wheelchair users. Additionally there is a mobile home which can be used by any child and/or their carer during their stay at Hooke Court. Please let us know at the earliest opportunity if you require access to any of our facilities for the disabled.



living history

Activity at Hooke Court

Studying elements of the History National Curriculum for KS2.

Enjoy these activities individually or as part of one of our excellent value 3 day all-inclusive programmes.

Most of the activities are enjoyed either in the 14th Century Manor House, at the reconstructed Ancient History Settlement or even the authentic World War 1 trench providing a truly unique learning experience.

John Rankin will be experiencing Tudor Times.



“Well, I’ve learnt that the Tudors are a lot more interesting than I thought they were!”

Child from Selsdon Primary School, Croydon

Tudor Traders

Investigation of the Manor and Trade & Travel

Explore the Manor House, looking for original features and signs of how the building has changed over the years. Learn about trading in Tudor times, form trading companies and design your own logo for your boat.

Tudor Cooking and Pastimes

Cook Tudor recipes in the Tudor kitchens using spices from your travels abroad. Once the feast is prepared enjoy some time playing Tudor games and making your own candles.

Tudor Crafts & the Schoolroom

Learn about life as a child in the schoolroom. Write with quills, stamp a wax seal on your letter, weave your own piece of cloth and make pomanders and leather purses to take home.

Costume, Drama & Dance

Learn all about clothing for the wealthy in Tudor times and try on some of our own Tudor costumes. Learn a Tudor dance or enjoy a drama workshop.

Tudor Christmas

The children will experience Christmas Tudor style. Spend the morning learning about Tudor Christmas customs as well as trying your hand at some Tudor cooking and candle making. Whilst in the school room you will make Christmas pockets, a Christmas kissing bough as well as an invitation to the Twelfth Night Celebration Feast.

Twelfth Night Feast, Dance and Entertainment (Evening activity)

Experience a true Tudor Christmas Feast by candle light, and finish the evening with Tudor dancing and entertainment.



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