



**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL (VA)**  
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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all those people who attended the Stibbington Trip meeting on Monday 9th November. If you were unable to attend this meeting, I hope this information will give you an insight into what it is all about.

### **What is Stibbington?**

Stibbington is an award winning environmental education centre ran by Cambridgeshire Environmental Education service just north of Peterborough. Full details can be found on their web site at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/parents/learning/beyond/stibbington/>

### **Who can go?**

We will be taking any Year 3s who wish to go.

### **When are we going?**

We are leaving at 0930 on **Wednesday 20th January 2009** and returning at 1430 on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**. We will be staying for two nights

### **Where will the children stay?**

We will be staying at Stibbington's residential centre which is a modern purpose-built block which has bedroom accommodation for up to 38 in small rooms of usually 4 children. Staff will be accommodated in separate rooms close by on the same corridor. The centre grounds include imaginatively designed play and study areas, a wildlife garden and vegetable growing plots.

### **What will the children do there?**

During the day they will be learning science and geography. These lessons will enhance their normal school learning and the children will benefit from the specialist resources, unavailable at school. They will also be learning about the environment by taking part in an environmental project. During the evening their will be a full programme of activities lead by St John's staff.



**Who will be teaching/responsible for the children while they are at Stibbington?**

During the day, lessons will be lead by the staff at Stibbington with the support of St John’s staff. After 5 pm the children will be the responsibility of St John’s staff.

**What will the children need?**

Normal clothing will be needed. No specialist equipment is needed because the Centre will provide anything of this nature. Meals and bedding are provided at no extra cost.

**How will I be able to contact my child if necessary?**

The staff will contact the school on an on-going basis and information will be posted outside the office to keep you updated. In case of emergencies you will have a contact number. We do not encourage the children to contact you while they are away because in our experience it can lead to the children feeling homesick. However if necessary we will contact you. Mobile phones are not allowed by the Centre.

**How much will it cost? When do I have to pay?**

**The total cost is £50** including the cost of the coach to and from Stibbington. This really is a bargain and is only possible because we are subsidising the full cost. This is payable in advance and should be paid in full before the trip. Parents are welcome to pay in instalments-say £10 a week.

**If you would like to book a place on the trip, please fill in the slip below and send it back to us by Monday. Please enclose a deposit of £5.**

Yours sincerely

Mr S Nay

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**STIBBINGTON RESIDENTIAL VISIT - JANUARY 2010**

I wish to book a place for my child on the above trip and enclose a deposit of £5.

I do not wish to book a place for my child on this trip.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

