



Robinwood Residential to Dobroyd Castle

Monday 26th January 2026- Wednesday 28th January 2026

Dobroyd Castle is a historic Grade-II* listed mansion set high on the moors above Todmorden, West Yorkshire — in a large 17-acre site with great views and plenty of natural surroundings.

Why Robinwood?

- It is a purpose-built activity centre by Robinwood, designed to host school residential for **just** Key Stage 2 children.
- Children have *really busy* days at Robinwood with activities starting at 9.00am and finishing at 9.00pm. In a 3 day course, they typically pack in 15 different activity sessions, which is more than many providers manage to include in a 5-day course.
- Facilities include the main castle building (with dormitories), and additional accommodation blocks next to it for both children and accompanying teachers/staff.
- Rich mix of adventurous, physical, and team-building activities: everything from canoeing, rafting, caving, climbing and zip-wire to problem-solving challenges, indoor games and more. It's designed not just for "fun", but to help children build confidence, independence, resilience, teamwork and social skills. Many children shine outside the classroom environment when given new challenges.
- For many children, the experience of being away from home, managing belongings, getting along with classmates, and cooperating under shared responsibility is a valuable "growing up" opportunity.

Timings

Monday 26th January

08:55 - Children bring luggage into the classroom where they will complete a luggage tag that they will attach to their case.

We need to have any medication handed directly with instructions to myself for Mrs Mulvihill

09:15 – Bus departs from school

The journey takes approx. 1 hour

10.15– Arrive at Dobroyd. Walk up to the castle.

Wednesday 28th January

14:00 - Collection from Dobroyd

Approximately 15.00 - Arrive back at school

We will contact school if we are delayed and a message will be sent to you

Children collect their bag from the coach. **They will be tired.**

Meals

Examples of menu choices :

Breakfast

Cereal, toast, sausages (including vegetarian) beans, potato waffles.

Lunch

Day 2: Spaghetti hoops or beans on toast; Roll filled with cheese, ham, tuna or jam, Cake bar, fruit, yoghurt

Day 3: Sausage roll; cheese roll, crisps, fruit, biscuits

Evening Meal

Day 1: Baked Potato (with choice of filling); Pasta Bolognese; Tomato Pasta; Salad available; Choc ice

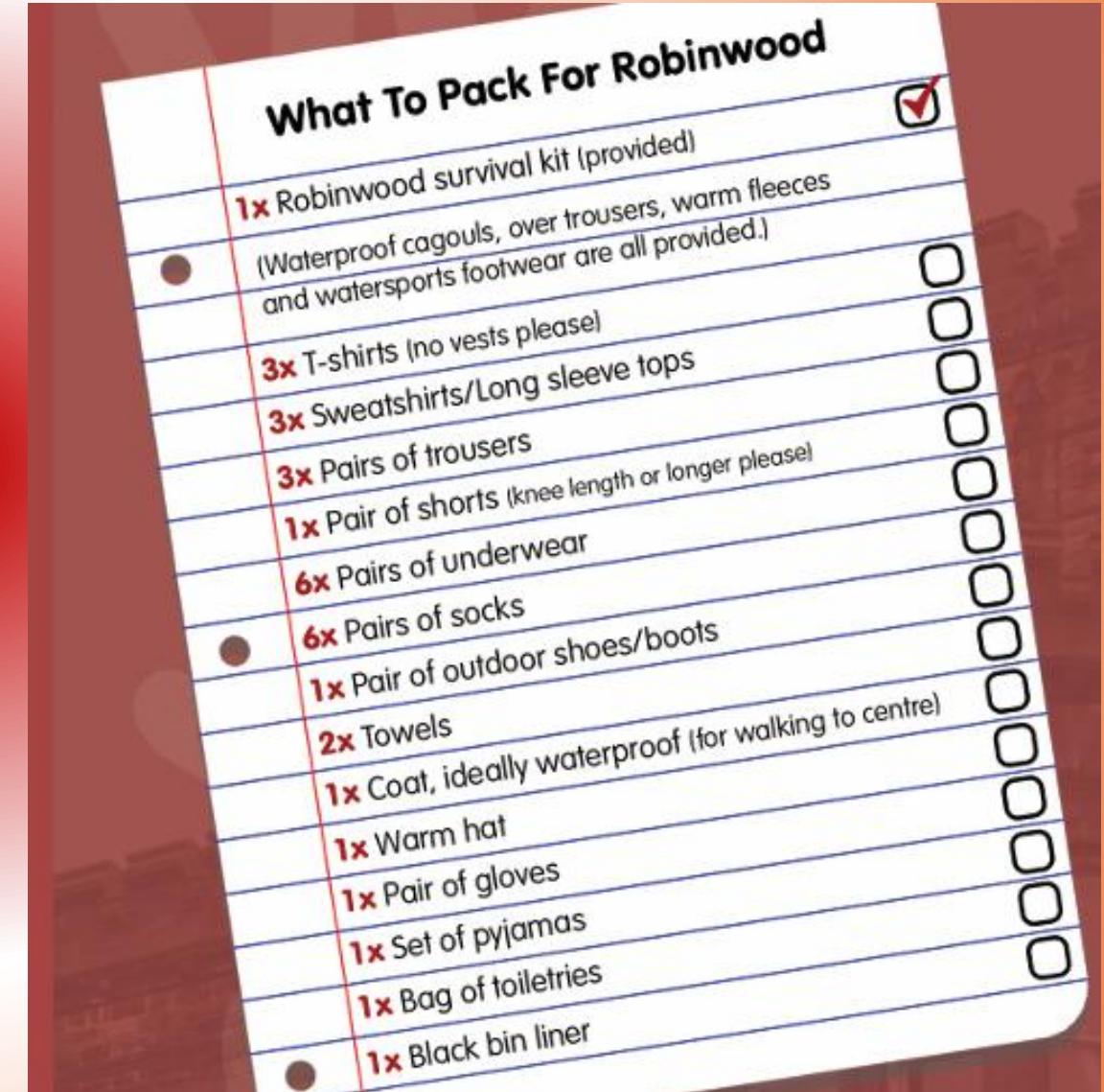
Day 2: Fish fingers & chips; curry & rice; peas & sweetcorn available; ice cream pot

Drinks and snacks available through the day!

What not to bring to Robinwood

- ✗ Mobile Phones
- ✗ iPads or Tablets
- ✗ Cameras (including disposable or digital)
- ✗ Hairdryers or Straighteners
- ✗ Make-up
- ✗ Sweets, Crisps, Drinks or ANY additional food
- ✗ Money – everything is provided
- ✗ Designer or expensive clothing – **no need to impress!**
- ✗ Please do not bring any aerosol sprays as they can set off the fire alarm system which is highly sensitive.
- ✗ Please don't bring any food containing nuts.

Simple, practical clothing is best. We want children focused on fun, safety and teamwork – not possessions



More Advice About Clothing

- There is a drying room and provide laundry facilities. Clothing is washed on a 30 degree cycle and tumble dried. Please don't bring anything new or expensive, or that cannot be tumble dried. (We may not always be able to do laundry from water activities on the last day).
- Fleeces, Waterproofs and gloves and hat are readily available at Robinwood in a size to suit all.
- Due to the nature of our activities it is possible that clothes may occasionally get damaged. Clothing should be suitable for an outdoor environment. Old clothes are best.
- Outdoor shoes/boots are for the walk to centre (about 1 mile). Walking boots are great, but a sturdy pair of trainers will be fine in dry weather. (You definitely don't need to buy walking boots especially for your trip.)
- Jeans are not ideal for Robinwood. Tracksuit or jogging bottoms are best.
- ALL clothing is labelled with your name and if possible your school name. (It really helps return lost property)



Accommodation

- Dormitory rooms with children from their class. Girls and boys are separate. We usually try to put children in a dorm with children different to their activity group.
- Bedding provided — no need for sleeping bags
- Shared bathrooms close by
- Teachers located on the same corridor
- Calm evening routine, hot chocolate and review time before bed



Sleep and Behaviour

We expect the children to follow the school rules at all times during the trip. The centre staff supervise the children through the night. Once the lights go out the children are not allowed to continue chatting – they will need their sleep – the days are long and jam packed with activities!

*Our school values of **kindness, forgiveness and teamwork** govern everything we do, always.* In the unlikely event of serious behaviour breaches we will have no hesitation in asking you to collect your child.

Homesickness

- Very normal and often short-lived
Staff are calm, supportive and trained to help
- Busy activity schedule reduces anxiety
- Children usually settle quickly once engaged with friends and challenges
- School will contact you if needed — children cannot call home



Staffing

Mrs Fagan, Mrs Dutton and Mrs Mulvihill/Mrs Plowman.

The Same Group Leader

10 and 11 children in the group. Group Leaders are supported by additional instructors on certain activity sessions, by additional staff at bedtime and wake-up periods, and by night duty staff overnight. Robinwood staff take charge and run activity sessions from 9.00am to 9.00pm each day. All Saints Staff get involved with these and are always there. When the Group Leader's day finishes at 9.00pm, the Course Leader for our school will do a review of the day with all the children, whilst they have a drink and snack before bedtime.

24 Hour Care- Night Ninjas

Bedtime staff will generally have been involved with groups through the late afternoon and evening, typically assisting on activity sessions and/or assisting at mealtimes. Bedtime staff work alongside night duty staff from 9.00pm to 10.30pm, by which time children will be in bed with lights out settling down for sleep. Night duty staff are on duty from 9.00pm to 9.00am. All dormitories have a button that children can press if they need assistance from night duty staff for whatever reason. As well as being available on call through the call assistance buttons, night duty staff will also patrol the dormitory corridors on a regular basis to ensure dormitories are quiet overnight, providing children with the opportunity to get some much-needed sleep.

Medical/illness

- Parents must complete medical and dietary forms before travel
- Any medication must be labelled and handed to school staff
- If a child has been ill (e.g., sickness bug) — please follow a 48-hour clear rule
- Staff are first-aid trained and the centre has first-aid provision

You will receive regular updates to let you know how we are getting on.



TOP TIPS

- Involve the children in packing their own bag
 - Ensure **EVERYTHING** is labelled
 - Don't forget a BINBAG
 - Bravery, determination and a willingness to 'have a go'!
 - If they realise they have forgotten something – tell us.

