

# BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## YEAR 6 VISIT TO STIBBINGTON, PETERBOROUGH 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

As part of our World War 2 topic, we have arranged for Year 6 to visit the Stibbington Education Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, to take part in a WW2 evacuation experience. We will be joined by our Year 6 peers at Colsterworth.

Pupils will be using role play to empathise with a child evacuated from London in the 1940s, and to understand the feelings and experiences of evacuees. They will learn about the impact of WW2 on home life in the countryside, school lessons and play. Pupils will also have the opportunity to use a range of sources and resources to find out about evacuation and life in wartime Britain.

We will need to leave school at 8.15 a.m. and your child should therefore be at school for 7:55 a.m. on the day please. We aim to return to school for 4:15pm.

The children will be role playing the part of a real evacuee and to help them get into role we be allocating them the name of a real child who was evacuated from London to Stibbington in the 1940s. We would also like the children to try to dress like children did in the 1940s. Attached is a costume idea page with further information. Please note we will be making a gas mask box and a luggage label in school for children to bring with them, however, they should choose to bring from home either:

- A small "old style" doll or cuddly toy such as a teddy bear

Or

- A parcel they have made which they can pretend contains their favourite toys that they have chosen to take with them when they are evacuated. The parcel should be quite small, e.g. shoe box or ice cream container size, and it should be wrapped in brown paper and tied with string

As part of the day, we will be taking part in a walk through 'wartime countryside, it is therefore important that children have appropriate footwear for walking across a field path and if it is a cold or wet day that they have a warm or waterproof coat with them.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £21.25 per child towards the cost of the visit. Please be aware that as a school we cannot go ahead if we run the risk of making a loss and this visit will not therefore go ahead without sufficient support. Payment should be made by ParentMail +Pay Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The children will have the opportunity to visit a rationed 1940s souvenir shop during the day and may therefore bring £1 to spend.

We are looking forward to an exciting day but if you do have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Miss A Worrall

# Evacuation Day – Costume Ideas

Children who are being evacuated to Stibbington Centre for a day should try to dress like children did in the 1940s. These drawings show what children looked like, and the notes below give some suggestions about what you might wear.



## Clothes:

Everyone should wear: Shoes, boots or wellies (not trainers)  
Woollen jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)  
Shirt or blouse (not t-shirt)

**Boys** should wear a cap or woollen hat and they should have knee-length shorts or trousers tucked into knee length socks.

**Girls** should wear a beret, headscarf or woollen hat and a knee-length dress or skirt.

On **cold or wet days** everyone should have a **warm or waterproof coat**. This is important because the programme for the day includes a walk through the “wartime countryside”. A modern coat will be fine if you don’t have an “old style” one. For very cold days scarf, gloves and thick socks are useful too.

## Other things to bring:

At school you will be making a **gas mask box** and a **luggage label** to bring with you.

From home you should choose **either**

- A small “old style” doll or cuddly toy such as a teddy bear
- or**
- Make yourself a parcel which you can pretend contains your favourite toys that you have chosen to take with you when you are evacuated. The parcel should be quite small, e.g. shoe box or ice cream container size, and it should be wrapped in brown paper and tied with string.

These are the only things you will be allowed to take with you when you are evacuated!