



Barrow Baptist Church, Beveridge Street, Barrow Upon Soar



Hello!

We're really excited about our KidZone weekend away at the Oakes which is coming up in just under 2 weeks' time, from the 1st-3rd July!

I just wanted to give you some final important information about the trip.

Who's Going?

In total, there will be 14 kids going from KidZone and 5 leaders: Pete Gardiner, Jo Dring, Karen Dunn, Tom Smith and Sophie Smith. Responsibility for the children, once they arrive at the Oakes, will be in the hands of the brilliant and experienced team there. As KidZone leaders we will be joining in with the activities and on hand to support our children throughout the weekend. Children and leaders from other groups will also be on the camp, so it's a great chance to make new friends as well!

Transport

If you've arranged to transport your own child (or made your own plans for sharing a lift with others) then you will need to aim to arrive at the Oakes for 7pm on Friday 1st July. The camp will then finish at 4pm on Sunday 3rd so you will need to arrange pick up for then. For your satnav, use S8 8HE as the postcode (see www.oakes.org.uk/about/directions/ for advice).

Everybody else will need to meet at church at 5.30pm on Friday. We have arranged enough vehicles, which will be driven by KidZone leaders who have agreed to the church's driving policy.

We will return to the church by approximately 5.30pm on the Sunday. We'll text you to confirm when we're leaving so you know when to expect us back.

Arrival

As soon as the children arrive they will be 'checked in' to the Oakes and introduced to their dorm leaders, who will be the main Oakes leader's looking after them during their stay. They will be shown their dorms and a 'snack' type meal will be served before the programme commences! We would strongly recommend children eat tea before departure as the food at the Oakes will obviously not be until relatively late and is not intended as a main meal.

What to Bring

The main thing to remember is that lots of activities are outdoors (and weather is never guaranteed!) so the children will need plenty of clothing and footwear which are ok to get potentially wet/dirty as well as stuff to keep them warm. The team at the Oakes will however do their best to wash and dry anything that needs it before the children go home.

Here's a checklist to help:

- A sleeping bag **or** duvet cover and a pillowcase (duvets and pillows are provided)
- A **non-fitted** single bedsheet
- Nightwear
- Underwear
- Swimwear (one-piece for girls and shorts for boys)
- Shorts and leggings/tracksuit bottoms.
- T-Shirts and warm top
- Slippers or indoor shoes
- At least 2 pairs of outdoor trainers
- Personal care items (e.g. soap, flannel, towel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, sunscreen, asthma inhaler)
- Waterproof coat
- Pocket money for tuck shop (£5 max)

Please do not bring electronic equipment to The Oakes! This includes mp3 players, mobile phones, game consoles, etc. If brought, they will be collected and returned at the end of camp.

Who to Call

If you need to get in contact with your child during the weekend, you can contact myself on 07749886195. You can also telephone the Oakes office on 01142 359 995. If needed children can also use the phone at the Oakes to call home. Contact isn't generally encouraged however unless necessary, as it can result in homesickness.

I hope all of this is helpful and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. Alternatively, there is also stacks of info on the Oakes website at www.oakes.org.uk/.

Can't wait to see you!

All the best,

Pete

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