



Cokethorpe Camps – FAQ

What to wear and bring to Multi Activity Camp?

- Come dressed in practical outdoor clothing (anything you don't mind getting wet or muddy!)
- Wear comfortable footwear (no flip flops/sandals please)
- Water bottle
- Sun cream
- Sun hat
- Warm layer
- If weather is looking wet, waterproofs (we will be outside for many activities)
- Change of clothes (in case we get adventurous!)
- Lunch & 2 snacks (nut free camp)
- Bag/rucksack

What additional kit do I need for Watersports 2-day camp? (Summer Camps only)

- Bring clothing to get wet in (board shorts, rash vest and/or wetsuit)
- Water shoes (old trainers are fine)
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Sun cream
- Sun hat
- Warm layer
- Waterproof for poor weather
- Lunch & 2 snacks (in cool bag)
- Bag/rucksack for all the above!

Getting to Cokethorpe School

Directions to Cokethorpe School can be found on the main School website: [Contact Us | Cokethorpe School](#)

When onsite, please follow the signage to the drop off area and adhere to the one-way system when exiting.

Drop off & Collection

Doors open from 8.30am with final arrival no later than 9.15am. We will not be able to let you in prior to this as staff briefings take place. Collection is between 4.45pm and 5.30pm. Pupils will be supervised throughout this time whilst on an end of day activity. Please note you may be liable to be charged for late collection as per the booking policy.

On arrival at Cokethorpe School, please follow the signs to the drop off areas for your age group located by the Mansion House. Parking bays are not marked, please park considerately, follow the one-way signage and take care crossing the care park. At the Mansion House you will be greeted by one of our friendly team where we will make sure your child has all they need for the day. Once signed in and you have said goodbye, they will be taken off to meet the rest of their group. Collection will take place from the same area as drop off.

Is there a collection password?

When you registered on Magic Booking, you were asked to add a password to each child's account, this is what you will need when you arrive to collect.

If you have added additional collectors to your profiles, they will need this password.

What if I am running late for drop off or collection?

Please try to contact the Camps team as soon as it is possible and safe to do so. If you are later than 5.30pm then we reserve the right to charge for this time. This is to cover the cost of the two members of staff required to stay to ensure safe supervision.

What to expect on camp

Cokethorpe Camps offers a range of engaging and fun activities throughout the day. A similar programme will be followed each day but will be flexible enough to accommodate the ages and interests of the group as well as the weather! All multi-activity sessions will take place onsite utilising the amazing facilities at Cokethorpe School. Some of the highlights include bushcraft in the woods, capture the flag across the parkland, music in the Mansion House, ball games on the astros, crafts in the art room, dance in 'The Shed' and team games in the sports hall.

Pupils will only be taking part in water sport activities as part of the Watersports Camp.
(Summer Camps only)

What does Watersports Camp involve?

Lots of fun activities on the water! We have a range of craft available from kayaks to an 18-foot paddle board! The aim is to improve confidence on the water whilst having an amazing time. There will be lots of opportunities to splash about playing games, going on journeys and learning how to control and paddle different boats.

How can I know my child will be safe on Watersports camp?

The Watersports Camp takes place on the River Thames and is designed to be both exciting and safe. All activities are carefully planned, fully risk assessed, and delivered by qualified British Canoeing instructors. Buoyancy aids will be worn at all times when on or near the water. While we do everything possible to ensure safety, we strongly recommend that participants are able to swim at least 50 metres unaided.

We take every reasonable precaution to minimise risk, but participants also share responsibility for their own safety. At Cokethorpe Camps, we promote being "risk aware" rather than "risk averse", helping children develop confidence and good judgement. Please note that we reserve the right to remove any participant from an activity if their behaviour is unsafe or could endanger themselves, others, or the environment.

There is a good chance that campers will end up in the water during these sessions - often as part of the fun! For this reason, please ensure any open cuts or wounds are covered with waterproof plasters, and inform the supervising staff of any injuries. Weil's disease (Leptospirosis) is a rare but known risk in UK waterways. Further guidance can be found on the NHS website.

[Leptospirosis \(Weil's disease\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Age Groups, swaps and changes

The groupings are there to help ensure a safe and fun environment. There will be some flexibility within the age groupings, and we should be able to accommodate particular pairing requests. Please do let us know at drop off if you would like to be grouped with other specific children on the day who are in the same age group. Grouping children from different age groups is possible but only if space or planned activities allow.

Please note, any changes to your booking – cancellation or transfer requests - must be made two weeks prior.

Lunch & Snacks

Please ensure you arrive with a healthy packed lunch, snacks and water bottle. We recommend bringing a snack for the morning and afternoon breaks to help fuel the fun activities throughout the day. Following EYFS guidelines, lunch takes place in the School's dining hall under direct supervision.

Please be aware that all lunches, snacks and food need to be **nut free**.

Can I check in on my child?

We would encourage you to speak to the staff at collection time if you would like any feedback. If you really need to get in touch during the day, please use the email or contact details provided to contact a member of the Cokethorpe Camps team.

Medication, special educational needs & disabilities

Please ensure that all medical or dietary requirements are up to date on Magic Booking and highlighted to Cokethorpe Camps prior to arrival. Any personal medication for the day, including inhalers, epi-pens, or other medication, will need to be signed over to one of the Camp Leaders on arrival.

If anything is changed or you need to update us about any additional needs, please do not hesitate to get in touch by email, or you can amend your account directly on the Magic Booking website.

If there are any behavioural patterns, educational needs or disabilities that we should be aware of please ensure this has been included in the booking form and provide any care plans on drop off.

If you are unsure if this setting is suitable for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us prior to booking.

Please note that we cannot accommodate children who require 1:1 support.

Behaviour and Expectations

In cases where a child is consistently not meeting expectations on behaviour, this will be communicated to the parent or guardian at collection. Cokethorpe Camps reserve the right to remove a participant from the activity if they are deemed to not be acting sensibly and potentially endangering themselves, others or the environment. In rare cases, parents or guardians may be contacted during the day for collection. If this behaviour continues, we reserve the right to prohibit the child from attending in the future.

Do you have first aiders on site?

Yes – there will always be at least one paediatric trained first aider onsite during the day. We have access to the School's medical facilities as well as comprehensive portable first aid bags that accompany all activities. If your child requires first aid, this will be recorded by the member of staff and communicated to you on collection.

Magic Booking

Magic Booking is a third-party platform used to manage our bookings. If you have any questions about your account or need help navigating the system, please use the Help icon at the top of the Magic Booking welcome page where you'll find guidance and support articles. If the Magic Booking help pages do not answer your question, please contact us directly at camps@cokethorpe.org and we will be happy to assist.

What should I do if my child is unwell?

If your child is ill, has a temperature, or has experienced vomiting, please keep them at home until they are fully recovered and have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours.

In the case we feel your child is too unwell to stay at camps, we will contact you directly for collection.

Please note: If a child arrives at Camp showing signs of illness, we may need to refuse entry. This is to ensure the health and safety of all children and staff on Camp.

When will the timetable be available?

We plan each group's itinerary the day before to allow for flexibility around late bookings, weather conditions, and changing numbers of children.

Because of this, timetables are not published on our website. If you'd like to see the timetable for your child's group, please get in touch and we'll be happy to email you a copy.

Our example timetables are taken from previous seasons and give a good idea of the mix and type of activities children can expect at Camp.

What are the child-to-staff ratios at Camp and group sizes?

Our overall ratio on Camp is 1:8 or better, which includes the Camp Manager and additional support staff.

For group activities, the typical ratios are:

- **Ages 5–7:** 1:8
- **Ages 7–13:** 1:15

In practice, children aged 7 and above are usually in groups of around 20 with two dedicated staff members.

Camp Contact Details

Cokethorpe Camps Team email: camps@cokethorpe.org

Camp Leader Contact number: 07704786805

We request that you inform the Camps Team using one of the above methods if your child is absent due to illness or other unforeseen circumstance. The Team will attempt to contact you if no prior notice is given.