

THE STABLES at DUNFIELD

Information to help with your Planning

ARRIVAL: is from 4pm onwards unless prior arrangements have been made with the managers

ACCESS: to the Stables conservatory is by a key safe which is situated to the right of the conservatory door in a small grey and black box. The code for your visit will be issued the week prior to your arrival.

MANAGEMENT OF YOUR GROUP: The designated group leader of your party remains responsible for the supervision and safety of all group members for the duration of your stay. Dunfield House Limited provides accommodation, meals [if catered service is booked] and a maintenance service. Dunfield House Limited does not employ staff to supervise your group. General risk assessments for the property are available on our website and in our group leaders pack held in the Stables for your visit. Risk assessments specific to members of your group and the activities that you carry out as part of your visit to Dunfield remains the responsibility of the designated group leader.

KITCHEN: the kitchen has a 6 range electric cooker with fan assisted oven. The kitchen has plenty of space for willing helpers and includes a microwave, toaster, two fridges and one freezer, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils & knives for your group. There are laundry facilities onsite for washing of little ones clothes or emergencies and a launderette in Kington if required.

FOOD DELIVERIES: groups have used major supermarket chains for home deliveries, these are within timed slots – please let us know if the delivery will be arriving before your party and we will help with your order. Having said that our local town, Kington [2 miles away] has a Co-op, Spar and Nisa along with independent retailers who would love you to visit and shop with them. Spar is open the longest from 7am to 11pm. To help you get started we provide milk, tea coffee and sugar for that welcome cuppa at the end of a journey, along with salt, pepper, and washing up liquid, these may not last for the duration of your visit but will get you started. We provide tea towels.

We have a dry recycling bin in the kitchen which takes all recycling in one container and a food waste/non-recyclable bin which can be emptied in the wheelie bin found by the path to the car park.

BEDDING: we provide bedding packs (with some extras) for your party, on your last day we ask that the bed linen is placed in the trolley provided. There are two pillows and a duvet on each bed.

SHOWERS/BATHROOMS: there are 4 showers and 6 toilets in the Stables; we provide toilet rolls for your visit, shower mats and paper hand towels for your use. All toilets and showers have lockable doors. Guests are asked to bring their own towels and toiletries

ACCESS & EQUIPMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: there is ramped level access from our car park to the courtyard and ground floor of the Stables; we recommend that you discuss individual needs with us prior to arrival. Equipment available includes raised toilet seats and surrounds, a bed stick, shower stools and chairs a light weight wheelchair and a shower trolley for guests with limited mobility.

DUNFIELD HOUSE GROUNDS: Your booking includes sole use of the Stables and courtyard, we ask that you respect the privacy of the main house and leave the front of house and terraces for use by the house guests. The rest of the grounds are for the enjoyment of your group and the group in the House offering, football and volleyball nets, Disc Golf, grassed areas, streams and woodland a labyrinth and Peace garden. We have three campfire sites and often you can choose which works best for your group.

GAMES ROOM: if this is available at the time of booking then we can arrange for access to the games room, either shared use or planned timed opportunities to play table tennis, pool and indoor games.

SWIMMING POOL: is booked on an hourly basis – generally the group in the house has set times for swimming and then you have access to the pool for the rest of the day – this works really well, especially if you have children in your party who love to swim. The pool does not need a life guard so ‘responsible adults’ are asked to read and sign the swimming pool documentation provided on our website and in your group leaders pack before we give you a key – for safety reasons, there must be two adults in the pool building whenever it is being used and you must ensure the pool building is locked when not in use.

HEATING/WOODBURNER: the Stables are centrally heated with thermostats that you can control. Additionally we have a wood burner which needs seasoned wood to burn safely. We supply a basket of wood for you on arrival with additional baskets available at £4.00. You can also buy wood in Kington, please do not use fallen wood from the grounds, this can cause a buildup of tar in the chimney and will reduce the effectiveness and safety of the burner and building.

BBQ: is available to hire for £25 with £15 returnable if cleaned prior to returning to the house manager

DEPARTURE: by 10:30 unless prior arrangement is made with the house manager.

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS....you can email info@dunfieldhouse.org.uk or telephone on 01544 230563 – please do not hesitate to contact us, we are more than happy to try and answer any questions regarding your visit.

