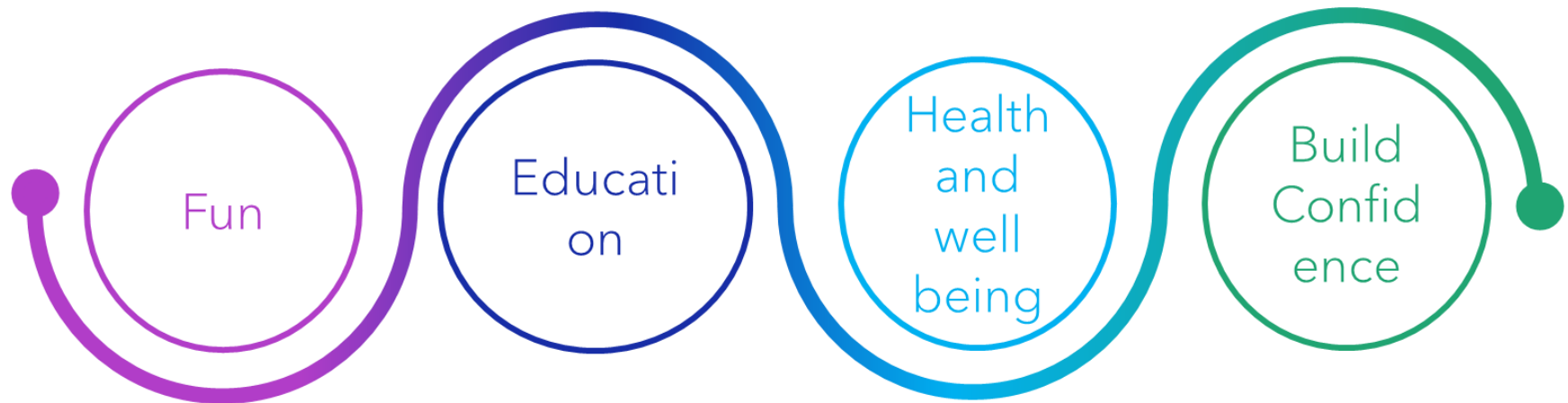




# Welcome Home

# Why a residential visit ?

The World Health Organisation finds that children raised with exposure to green space are as much as 55% less likely to develop mental health problems such as substance abuse, stress-related illnesses and eating disorders. 19 Aug 2019



"Learning outside the classroom is about improving young people's understanding, skills, values, personal and social development and can act as a vehicle to develop young people's capacity and motivation to learn."

The council for Learning Outside the Classroom, 2015

# Burwell House

## Where are we?



## A family home, built in 1787...



...enjoyed for  
generations...



## 1964. A new purpose...



Bought by Cambridgeshire County Council for £15,000 to be enjoyed for generations to come.



Burwell House welcomes over **100 schools on residential visits each year**, from right across East Anglia, and beyond.

Along with the wide variety of youth and adult groups who use the Centre at weekends and during the school holidays we host around **4000 visitors per year**.

Schools staying with us have:

- **Sole residential occupancy**
- **3 acres of wonderful gardens.**
- **A caring, professional Centre staff team.**
- **Courses are specifically built for individual schools.**
- **Safe environment for outdoor learning**

# High quality, accredited service

Quality Badge awarded by



Repeatedly awarded the LOTC quality badge in recognition of the high standards of safety, value and quality that our Centre provides.



## The House

- No longer a family home - though all the staff strive to make it feel like one.
- Grand, beautifully decorated, comfortable, warm, and homely.
- Protected by modern, sensitive fire alarm system and sprinklers.
- Secure – house is locked overnight by school staff, with grounds secured behind large wall and locked gates.

## Downstairs



- 2 large lounges and a separate classroom.
- Separate toilets for boys, girls and accompanying adults.
- Cloakroom.
- Dining room and conservatory



## Upstairs



- 11 bedrooms in total, of various different shapes and sizes.
- All with close access to their own shower and toilet facilities.

## The gardens

3 acres of secure, inspiring, exciting, magical space for children to play, learn, explore, invent, have fun and let off steam.



## The food

- Hot breakfast, lighter lunch and a hot meal in the evening all home cooked. Alongside homemade cakes and biscuits for breaktimes.
- Served 'family' style in the bright and fresh environment of our dining room and conservatory.
- Any diet catered for.



*“Food was fantastic. The kitchen staff were fantastic in the way they helped with our special diets”*

*“Excellent food, lots of it, special diets catered for”*

*“Quality of food exceptional”*

*“Lovely food. All the children and adults enjoyed”*

*“Very tasty! Children tried things they hadn't eaten before”*

## Activities

- **Wide variety of activities** to choose from. **Create, Explore** and **Investigate**.
- Schools have complete control, with **individually tailored timetables** taking into account time of year, curriculum, topic and individual learner needs.
- Plenty of **indoor and outdoor options**...though there's no such thing as bad weather, only a bad choice of clothes (we do go ahead with things in rain, sleet and snow)

### Typical schedule

7:30	Wake up
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Activity session 1
10.30	Morning refreshments + playtime
11.00	Activity session 2
12:30	Lunch
14.00	Activity session 3
15.30	Afternoon refreshments + playtime
16.00	Activity session 4
17:30	Dinner
	After dinner - School-led activities e.g. diaries, shop, games
	Bedtime (at teachers' discretion !!)

## Create

### TV Studio

- A wonderful **computing, literacy** and **teambuilding** experience
- Children work very closely together in teams to plan, write, film and produce programmes in our fabulous TV studio.



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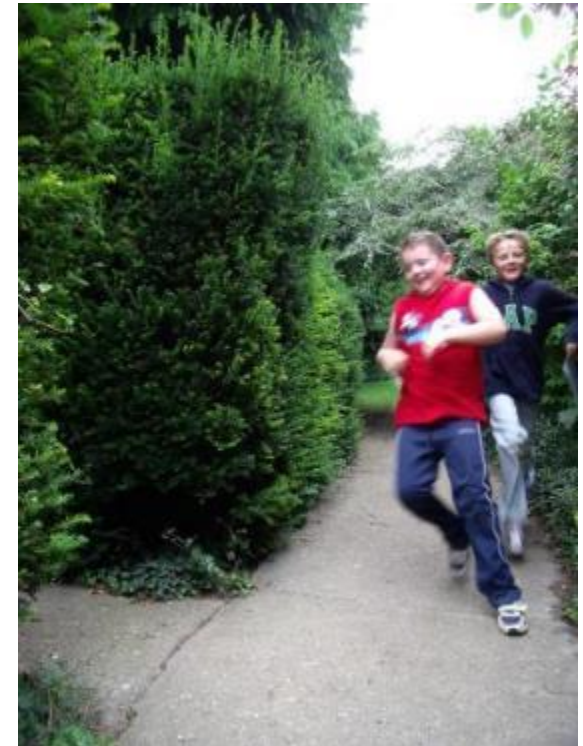
### Art and craft

A number of different options for children to express their creativity



## Explore

*“The children worked exceptionally well together, particularly those who have never really engaged with each other”*



### Mapwork and Orienteering

A range of activities to learn and develop a variety of mapwork skills in and around the garden and out into the village and local area.

## Explore Team building

### Low ropes

A team challenge activity to help develop both team and social development



New for  
2023

## Explore



A range of activities designed to help children explore their surroundings, explore the environment, and to explore their own skills and abilities – working independently and in teams.

*“They have been given such a range of opportunities to use their group work skills. Every child has had a chance to shine out through the wide range of activity types.”*



## Investigate



## Science

- Scientific investigation – on site habitats, (ponds, hedges, meadows and trees).
- Weather and climate.



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## Investigate

## History

The Victorian history of the house – through role-play sessions and off site activities!



The local area – containing much of historical significance.

- The Devil's Dyke (Anglo- Saxon earthwork).
- Burwell Church and Castle.
- A wealth of Tudor and Victorian buildings
- Village walk and stories

## Investigate



## Geography

- Burwell – a large rural fen-edge village.
- Rivers.
- Reach – a fen-edge hamlet.
- Land use.



## Evenings and overnight



### Teacher-Led Evening Activities



\*If visiting teachers decide to play any of these games whilst at Burwell House, please keep in mind this is done at your own risk.

- House and grounds provide hours of fun and enjoyment – games, campfires, souvenir shop.
- Sole group use – no other schools on site.
- Secure accommodation.

# Our staff

Qualified, experienced, professional,  
caring – and just a little bit silly.

*“Edd was great. He was patient and gentle with the children, and got the best out of them, whatever their skills and needs.”*

*“Toni was fantastic! Organised, enthusiastic, creative and fun. The children will treasure these memories for years to come”*

*Edward and Sharon were brilliant with the children, supporting and engaging them excellently!*



Burwell House allows our children the opportunity to work together and engage in learning skills outside the classroom. It has promoted a positive attitude towards different areas of the curriculum such as geography and map reading. Children have asked to do similar activities when back at school. (Rackham CofE)

Every member of staff was friendly to our staff and children. Always great food and lots of patience. (St Mary's Royston)

Hi I loved my stay when I grow older I am going to be an actor but my spare time job is going to be a teacher and I want to take my class to Burwell. I don't care how much paperwork I have to fill in. I HOPE TO RETURN TO Burwell. One MORE thing a huge huge I can't explain how big but THANK YOU VERY MUCH ^^ :) :) :) :) :) :O O

Charlie (visiting pupil)