

Salford City Academy

Year 7 / 8 PGL Residential



Parent Information Pack

Dates – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that your child is joining the Year 7 / 8 PGL Residential. This trip promises a memorable experience, packed with outdoor adventures, team-building activities, and opportunities for personal growth, all led by the experienced PGL staff, a nationally recognised provider of high-quality residential experiences for young people.

Trip Details:

- **Dates:** Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th March 2026
- **Location:** PGL Dearne Valley, Doncaster DN5 7SN
- **Activities:** A wide range of outdoor and team-building activities
- **More information:** [Dearne Valley - PGL Schools & Groups](#)

As we prepare for the visit, please read the following important information and expectations to help ensure the trip runs smoothly and safely for everyone.

Behaviour Expectations

The safety and well-being of our students are our highest priorities. All activities will be fully supervised by PGL's trained staff, with SCA staff accompanying the group throughout the trip. We expect all students to uphold the highest standards of behaviour throughout the residential. This includes:

- Following staff instructions at all times
- Showing respect to peers, staff, and PGL instructors
- Participating positively in activities
- Maintaining sensible conduct in accommodation areas

Please reinforce with your child that the residential is a school event, and the same behaviour standards apply as they would in school. If there are concerns regarding compliance, safety of students, or incidents which put others in danger, the SLT lead on the trip may contact you and request your child is collected. We will not reimburse financial costs for any student who is required to be collected from the venue. We trust this action will not be required.

Payment

A polite reminder that the deadline for payment has now passed. We kindly ask that every effort is made to ensure any outstanding payments are now made. If there are any issues, please contact the Academy as soon as possible, so we can support where required.

Arrival on the Day of Departure

Students should arrive at school **for 9:00am** and go directly to the **Sports Hall**, where staff will register them and prepare for departure.

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Return Journey and Collection Option

We expect to return at approximately 4.30pm. When we are on our way back to school, you will receive a **text message approximately 30 minutes before our arrival.**

If you would prefer to **collect your child on our return**, please opt in via the link / form provided. All other students will be dismissed as usual once we arrive back at school.

Collection Form – [Click here to confirm you wish to collect your child on return to SCA.](#)

Packing List

A full packing list is included within the information pack you have been provided with. Please ensure your child brings everything listed, including suitable clothing for a range of weather conditions.

Students must bring their own duvet and pillow, as bedding is not provided at the centre.

Room Allocation

Students have been given the opportunity to choose who they would like to share a room with. Please note:

- There will be no room changes once we have arrived at the venue.
- Activity groups will be shared with students prior to departure.

This helps ensure the smooth running of arrival and accommodation arrangements.

Medical Information

If your child requires any medication the following process must be followed:

- **Medical form** – parent / carer to complete the medical form to provide permission for medication to be given. This is included within the pack, and can also be collected from the Main Reception.
- **Packaging of medication** – all medication should be in the original, unopened packaging
- **Handing over of medication** – parent / carer to bring the completed medical form, plus the clearly labelled medication to SCA on the day of departure (18.03.2026) and this will be signed in with the trip first aider(s). On return, medication will only be returned to parents/ carers, and not to students.

If you have any questions, please contact the main reception before the trip and we will support wherever possible.

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Electronic Items

We strongly recommend that students do not bring any electronic devices, including:

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Ear buds or headphones
- Tablets
- Hand-held gaming devices

There is very limited–or no–mobile signal at the site, and staff cannot take responsibility for the damage, loss, or theft of personal electronic items. Students will not need these devices during the visit, and the experience is far more enjoyable without them.

Money

Students may bring a small amount of money to spend in the PGL shop if they wish. We recommend bringing **no more than £10–£15**, as there is limited opportunity (and limited need) to purchase anything during the stay.

Contact on Site

Whilst on site there is limited signal. Should you need to contact staff on the trip please use the AskSalford Form on our website, linked below, and this will be sent directly to the SLT trip leads, Mr Lambert and Mrs Eaton. They will then contact you as soon as they are able, or request contact is made by a member of staff at school.

AskSalford Link: [Ask SCA](#)

For strict emergencies only, please contact: 07548559001

We are confident that this trip will be a valuable and enriching experience for our Year 7/8 students and look forward to creating memories for our students by providing this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr C Lambert

Assistant Principal

Principal Ms H Haselden

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to outline our expectations for all school trips and residential visits, and to clarify the conditions under which students may participate.

Educational visits play a vital role in enriching the secondary school experience. They broaden students' horizons, deepen curriculum learning, and support the development of independence, teamwork, resilience, and social confidence. We are proud to offer a wide range of exciting opportunities throughout the year, and we want every student to be able to enjoy these experiences safely and successfully. While these opportunities are highly valuable, it is important to note that participation in any school trip or residential visit is a **privilege**, not an automatic entitlement. The safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and the wider public must always come first.

Safeguarding, Legal Duties, and Risk Assessment

As a school, we have a legal duty of care to safeguard all children and staff in line with the Education Act 2002, *Keeping Children Safe in Education*, and relevant health and safety requirements. In practice, this means that every trip or residential visit must be appropriately supervised, carefully planned, and suitable for all participating students.

All trips are therefore subject to:

- a formal risk assessment
- a safeguarding review
- consideration of each student's conduct, behaviour record, and ability to follow instructions

If at any stage we determine that a student's participation would present an unacceptable risk to themselves, their peers, staff, or members of the public, the school reserves the right to decline or withdraw a place. Any such decisions will be made carefully, proportionately, and in accordance with statutory guidance.

Behaviour Expectations

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants, students attending trips and residential visits are expected to:

- follow staff instructions promptly and respectfully
- demonstrate behaviour consistent with the school's behaviour policy
- treat peers, staff, members of the public, and property with respect
- comply with all safety rules, including those required by venues or activity providers
- meet any additional expectations communicated prior to the trip

Where behaviour in school raises concerns about a student's ability to participate safely, the school may withdraw their place before departure. Families will be informed as early as possible should this become necessary.

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If a student behaves in a way that compromises safety during a trip or residential, the school may:

- remove the student from specific activities
- require the student to be collected or returned home at the parent/carer's expense
- apply further consequences in line with the school's behaviour policy upon return

Working Together

We value the strong partnership between school and home. Your support in reinforcing the importance of responsible behaviour and cooperation helps ensure that educational trips remain safe, enjoyable, and accessible to as many students as possible.

Our aim is always to provide memorable, enriching experiences that students can enjoy and benefit from—safely, positively, and with pride.

If you have any questions about these expectations or about upcoming visits, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Eaton |

Associate Principal

Principal Ms H Haselden

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Please ensure that all items are named.

CLOTHING

Clothes are likely to suffer wear and tear and also get dirty and/or wet therefore you should bring several changes of old clothes for doing activities.

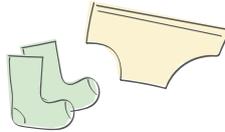
- Tops & jackets**
 - T-shirts
 - Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
 - Waterproof jacket
 - Fleeces/jumpers
- Trousers or leggings**
but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet
- Underwear & socks**
- Swimming costume/trunks**
for water activities
- 1 or 2 sets of clothes for the evening
- Suitable nightwear



Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities.



Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities.



TRAVELLING IN THE...



...SUMMER?

- Shorts
- Baseball cap/sun hat
- Sunscreen



...WINTER?

- Warm coat
- Hat and gloves

Lost property

We recommend you write a list of what you pack to check before you come home. If you do leave anything behind, please contact your party leader who will contact PGL. Postage will be charged for returning lost items.

Study courses and sports weekends

Groups taking part in study courses and sports weekends e.g. netball/football, should bring appropriate clothing/footwear for these activities.

What to wear

We have included some guidance on what to wear and what not to wear for the activities we are most often asked about. Please note, activities vary at each centre and final activity itineraries are planned by each centre.

Water-based activities

- ✓ Old trainers/water shoes
- ✓ Warm clothing
- ✓ Layers
- ✓ Old clothes
- ✓ Swimwear (for some water activities)
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
- ✗ Wellies
- ✗ Jeans

Rope sessions

- ✓ Sturdy footwear
- ✓ Tops to cover the shoulders
- ✓ Shorts that cover the thighs
- ✓ Long trousers
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
- ✗ Denim shorts

Muddy activities

- ✓ Old trainers
- ✓ Long trousers (waterproof if possible)
- ✓ Layers
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals
- ✗ Shorts

FOOTWEAR

- 2 pairs of trainers
 - 1 for activities
 - 1 old pair for watersports
- 1 pair of dry shoes for evening activities



We recommend that all visitors wear closed-toe footwear while on site due to uneven terrain and safety considerations around activity areas

OTHER ITEMS

- 2 towels
 - 1 for showering
 - 1 old one for activities

- Reusable drinks bottle

- Small rucksack/bag

- Labelled bin bag for wet and dirty clothing

- Sleeping bag or duvet and pillow (unless otherwise advised)

- Washbag including soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste (please do not bring Aerosols)

- Hair ties for long hair

- Torch

- Pocket money £10-20 Recommended



PLEASE DO NOT BRING

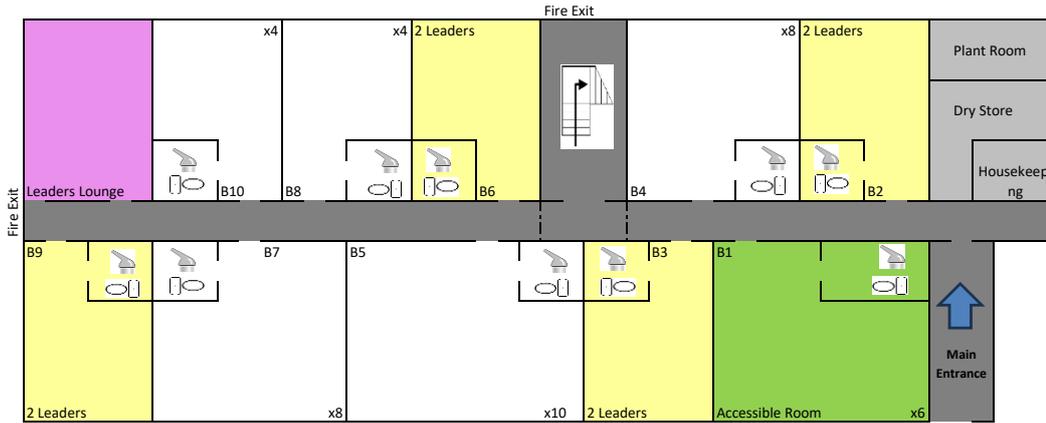
- ✗ Electrical devices
- ✗ Computer games
- ✗ Food items that contain nuts
- ✗ Jewellery/valuables
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Flip flops/crocs/sandals

If you bring your mobile phone, please note, it is not covered by our insurance.

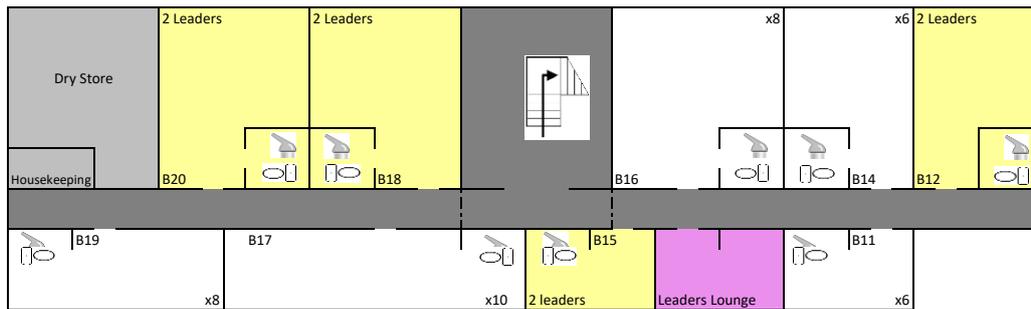




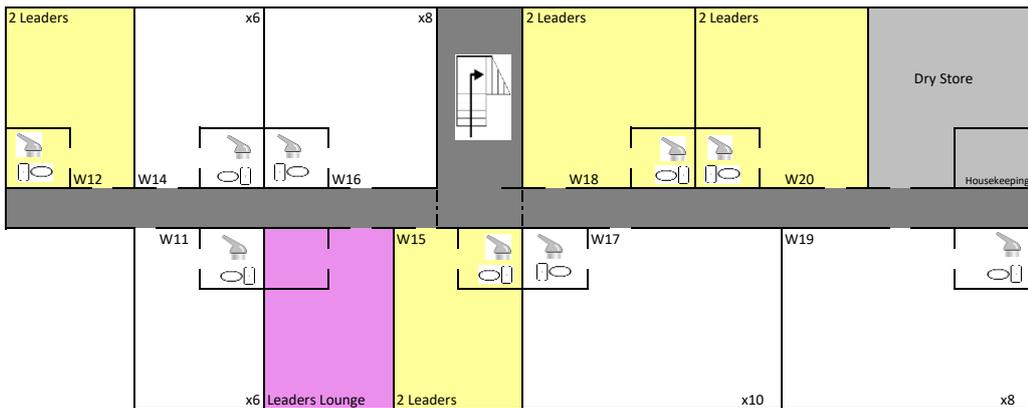
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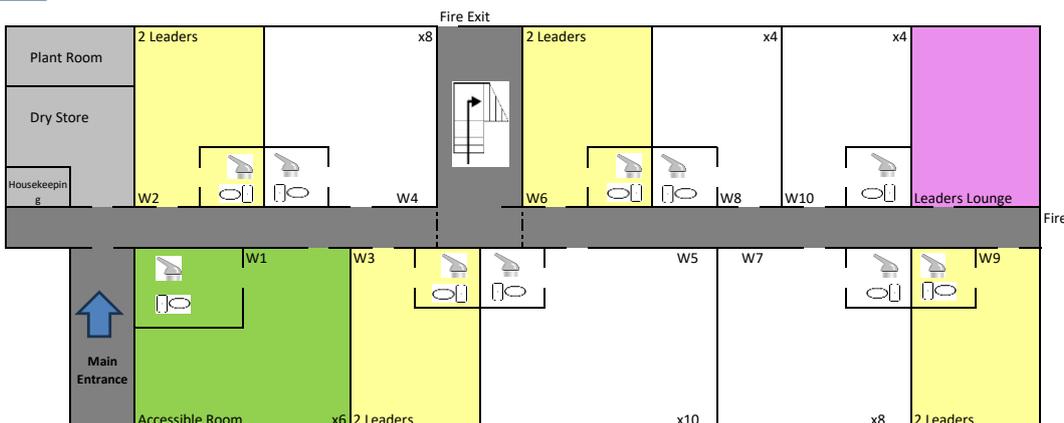
Dearne Valley - Barnburgh (First Floor) Accommodation - Internal Corridors



Dearne Valley - Wath (First Floor) Accommodation - Internal Corridors



Dearne Valley - Wath (Ground Floor) Accommodation - Internal Corridors



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|  | Dearne Valley 18/03/2026 – 20/03/2026 | Provisional Activity Programme | Salford City Academy |
| | Booking Reference | AU26004471 | |

| | Group | Meeting Point | Group Leader | Session 1 9:00 - 10:30 | Session 2 10:45 - 12:15 | Session 3 14:15 - 15:45 | Session 4 16:00 - 17:30 | Evening 19:30 - 20:30 |
|------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wednesday | 1 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | Problem Solving (PS3) | Campfire (CF3) |
| | 2 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL5) | Problem Solving (PS4) | Campfire (CF3) |
| | 3 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Archery Tag (AT1) | Trapeze (TR1) | Campfire (CF3) |
| | 4 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Archery Tag (AT2) | Trapeze (TR2) | Campfire (CF3) |
| | 5 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Problem Solving (PS3) | Archery (A1) | Campfire (CF3) |
| | 6 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Problem Solving (PS4) | Archery (A2) | Campfire (CF3) |
| | 7 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Problem Solving (PS5) | Survivor (SU1) | Campfire (CF4) |
| | 8 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Problem Solving (PS6) | Survivor (SU2) | Campfire (CF4) |
| | 9 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Archery Tag (AT1) | Campfire (CF4) |
| | 10 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Jacob's Ladder (JL2) | Archery Tag (AT2) | Campfire (CF4) |
| | 11 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Archery (A1) | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Campfire (CF4) |
| | 12 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Archery (A2) | Jacob's Ladder (JL2) | Campfire (CF4) |
| | 13 | | | | Arrive on Centre | Survivor (SU1) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | Campfire (CF4) |
| Thursday | 1 | | | Trapeze (TR1) | Archery Tag (AT1) | Survivor (SU1) | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 2 | | | Trapeze (TR2) | Archery Tag (AT2) | Survivor (SU2) | Jacob's Ladder (JL2) | Silent Disco (SD1) |

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|---------------|-------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | 3 | | | Problem Solving (PS1) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Survivor (SU1) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 4 | | | Problem Solving (PS2) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL5) | Jacob's Ladder (JL2) | Survivor (SU2) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 5 | | | Archery Tag (AT1) | Trapeze (TR1) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 6 | | | Archery Tag (AT2) | Trapeze (TR2) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL5) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW2) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 7 | | | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | Archery (A1) | Trapeze (TR1) | Archery Tag (AT1) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 8 | | | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW2) | Archery (A2) | Trapeze (TR2) | Archery Tag (AT2) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 9 | | | Survivor (SU1) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | Archery (A1) | Trapeze (TR1) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 10 | | | Survivor (SU2) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW2) | Archery (A2) | Trapeze (TR2) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 11 | | | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | Survivor (SU1) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | Problem Solving (PS4) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 12 | | | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL5) | Survivor (SU2) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW2) | Problem Solving (PS5) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| | 13 | | | Archery (A1) | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Archery Tag (AT1) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | | Silent Disco (SD1) |
| Friday | 1 | | | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | Archery (A1) | Depart | | | |
| | 2 | | | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW2) | Archery (A2) | Depart | | | |
| | 3 | | | Archery (A1) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW1) | Depart | | | |
| | 4 | | | Archery (A2) | Zip Wire (Walking Finish) (ZW2) | Depart | | | |

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| | 5 | | | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Survivor (SU3) | Depart | | | |
| | 6 | | | Jacob's Ladder (JL2) | Survivor (SU4) | Depart | | | |
| | 7 | | | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | Jacob's Ladder (JL1) | Depart | | | |
| | 8 | | | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL5) | Jacob's Ladder (JL2) | Depart | | | |
| | 9 | | | Problem Solving (PS1) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL4) | Depart | | | |
| | 10 | | | Problem Solving (PS2) | Climb - Outdoors (Auto Belay) (CL5) | Depart | | | |
| | 11 | | | Trapeze (TR1) | Archery Tag (AT1) | Depart | | | |
| | 12 | | | Trapeze (TR2) | Archery Tag (AT2) | Depart | | | |
| | 13 | | | Problem Solving (PS3) | Trapeze (TR1) | Depart | | | |

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **Activity Descriptions:** Descriptions of the Daytime and Evening activities on your programme can be found here: [Dearne Valley](#)
- **On Site Activities:** We recommend that a supervising adult is present with each group during activities. Some Local Authorities/Associations insist on this, so please check with your relevant stakeholders.
- **Off Site Activities:** There must be at least one supervising adult from your group present for all off-site activities, excursions and field work.
- **Evening Activities:** PGL will lead evening activities, but to assist with the supervision of children, the Party Leader is responsible for ensuring that at least one adult is present during all the evening activity sessions.
- **Campfire/Disco/Cluedo:** If these Evening Activities are included in your programme, be please aware that they may be shared with other groups of the same age range.
- **A finalised programme will be given on arrival.** For operational reasons it may be necessary to revise the order of activities, but we will not change activities without liaising with you first. Shop and meal times will be programmed later and details will be given to you on arrival.



GIFT SHOP PRICE LIST



CLOTHES

- Caps.....£5.50
- T-shirts.....£7.50

GIFTS

TREAT SOMEONE YOU LOVE...

- Keyrings.....£3.00
- Magnets.....£3.00
- Mugs.....£5.00
- Postcards.....£0.50

TOYS

- Teddy Bears.....£6.00
- Football.....£6.00
- Basketball.....£6.00
- Bouncy Ball.....£1.00

STATIONERY

- Notebook & Pen.....£4.00
- Colouring Pencils.....£2.00
- Pencils.....£1.00
- Pen.....£1.00
- Rubbers.....from 40p

ACCESSORIES

- Water Bottle.....£3.50
- PGL Medal.....£3.00
- LED Torch.....£3.00
- Badges.....from £1.00
- Wristbands.....£1.00
- Coaster.....£2.50



Form to hold and administer medication on overnight trip

The school will not supervise the administration of your child's medicine unless you complete and sign this form. All medication must be signed over to school staff on departure.

The school has a policy that first aid staff can supervise the administration of medicine.

Medicines must be unopened and in the original packaging.

Parental consent for medication

**to be stored in school for an individual child.*

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| Name of child | |
| Date of birth | |
| Prescribed or unprescribed | |
| Date medication provided by parent | |
| Quantity received | |
| Name and strength of medication | |
| Expiry date | |
| Dose and frequency (as per printed directions) | |
| Reason for medication | |
| Parent/carer name and signature | |
| Staff signature: | |
| Staff Initials: | |

