

SANDYHOLME

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Testimonial

Ninestiles School, Birmingham

The geography department have organised three fieldwork visits to Studland over the last 4 years, each time basing ourselves at Sandyholme. Our school is in on the borders of inner city Birmingham and has a large proportion of students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Using Sandyholme as our accommodation has enabled us to significantly reduce the costs of our trips, enabling us to make the field trips affordable for all students. Sandyholme provides excellent value for money compared to many other accommodation providers for school groups. The venue itself also supports our students as they really appreciate the independence of being in self-catering accommodation. The "homely feel" of Sandyholme is another factor that really appeals to students. They feel welcome and trusted as it seems like they are visiting someone else's home, rather than a "uniform and bland" purpose built centre.

The support we have had from all involved in the running of Sandyholme has always been first class. From the booking and financial admin side to the day to day support provided by the centre manager, we have always felt incredibly supported and cared about. Nothing is too much trouble and it has made organising the visits much easier and smoother than is usually the case when dealing with larger educational accommodation organisations.

Students who have spent time at Sandyholme have always given positive feedback about their experience and often say they enjoy time spent in "the house" as much as the time they spend outside on the beach and surrounding area!

Sandyholme is a valuable and important asset and resource, giving amazingly affordable yet excellent standard accommodation to schools like us and other organisations. In turn, this allows us to offer fantastic life experiences to our young people. We hope to continue to use Sandyholme and any additional enhancements to the building would only make those experiences better!



YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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ACCOMMODATION

FAMILY WORK

HEALTH & WELLBEING

TRAINING & EDUCATION