

Two or three weeks or the Full Course?

I don't think coming for two or three weeks is a good idea. I'm asked various questions about the 'the two or three week option', so I thought it useful to list the questions and my answers:

Why do some parents choose the two or three week option?

They think 27 days is too long and their child will miss them or become bored.

Does this happen?

Rarely – except when a parent puts this idea into a child's head before they come.

What advantage is there in choosing the first two or three weeks?

Your child would arrive new with all the others and make friends in the same way. If, as often happens, your child begs you to stay, this may be possible. It will cost you another ticket if you can get one.

What disadvantage is there in choosing the first two or three weeks?

The 'party' is in the full swing by the end of week 2. It's like taking a child away from a party they are enjoying. Those leaving are in tears.

Your child will not be involved in the conclusion of the video that he or she will have been preparing and, because the early removal will have been factored in, a leading role will not have been assigned.

What advantage is there in choosing the last two or three weeks?

Your child would leave with everyone and share the general end-of-Course emotions.

What disadvantage is there in choosing the last two or three weeks?

People have already made friends. It is like coming late to a party, so we allocate a Mentor to all newly-arrived youngsters to introduce them to people their age and help them adjust.

The main disadvantage of a 'two or three week Course' is that sometimes youngsters feel they are 'just visiting' and so do not allow themselves to get properly involved.

The only advantage of a 'two or three week Course' is that it is better than not coming at all...