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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 Residential School Visit 2022-2023

We would like to offer next year's Year 6 children the opportunity to experience a residential school holiday after their SATs tests in May 2023. Therefore, we have booked a camping activity adventure holiday at Avon Tyrell Activity Centre in the New Forest from Monday 22nd May 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023 (5 days, 4 nights).

The children have always had a wonderful time on their residential visits and during the stay they will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of different activities such as: abseiling, kayaking, archery and bush craft. Qualified instructors lead all the activities and there are evening activities as well. School staff always accompany the children for every event. The children also benefit from being away from home for a period of time as they gain life skills, develop independence and the self-discipline needed to organise themselves whilst living in a tent for a week.

Many school residential providers have increased their costs significantly for next year due to the current increase in costs from their suppliers. Therefore, we have changed the location of the residential trip for 2022-2023 to keep the costs more manageable in order to make the trip accessible to all at a time when many of us are feeling the economical strain. By having the trip within our own locality, we are then able to ask you to transport your own children to and from the centre, which alleviates the cost of a coach and significantly reduces the costs. We will be able to support people who can't transport their own children with finding people who can lift share.

The maximum cost of this trip, which includes all meals and activities, will be £230. This can be paid in monthly instalments starting in September, using SIMS/Pay360. For families in receipt of Free School Meals, the cost of the trip will be £132.50. We are currently working on ways to reduce the cost for **all** children through different funding and bursaries and will let you know the revised cost in the Autumn Term if we are successful with this.

If you believe your child would be unable to come because of financial issues, please complete Part B of the return slip and someone will get in touch with you to discuss this. There are a limited number of places available so please complete the attached slip and return it to school with your deposit of £30.00 before Monday 18th July 2022. If you are unable to send in the deposit by this date, please send in the slip with NO circled and send the deposit in by September 16th 2022. On the return slip, please write their class for Y6 (6JH or 6RM).

Further information, including the exact cost and our activities will be available in the Autumn Term but in the meantime, you could look at photos of previous residentials (and the 2022 one from 11th July onwards) on the school Twitter page. We hope your child will be able to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity and we look forward to taking the children on their exciting adventure.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Hudson & Mrs R Maddison

Please complete a) or b) below and return it to your child's current class teacher:

a) I would like my child _____ in _____ Class to join the residential visit to Avon Tyrell from Monday 22nd May 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023.

I have enclosed a £30 non-refundable deposit: YES / NO (please circle)

b) I am interested in my child _____ in _____ Class joining the residential visit to Avon Tyrell Monday 22nd May 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023.

I have enclosed a £30 non-refundable deposit: YES / NO (please circle) but would like to discuss help with payments.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Date: _____

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