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Dear Parents and Carers of Years 5 and 6,

Residential Trip for year 5 and 6

I am writing to you with some exciting news about a potential residential visit for year 5 and 6 children from Yardley and Denton for July next year. I believe that residential trips are a fantastic learning opportunity for primary education and provide an opportunity for the children to experience a huge range of activities that are not normally on offer in school. We have therefore put together a plan to ensure that all children have the opportunity to go on a residential trip at some point in Key Stage 2.

We have provisionally booked a 4 night residential trip to Boreatton Park PGL centre for all our Year 5 and 6 pupils from Monday 9th to Friday 13th July 2018. Please note, this will not clash with dates of the play (details to follow shortly). We will be running this trip jointly with Denton Primary School and the Deputy Heads from each school will be attending, as well as other members of staff from Denton and Yardley Hastings.

Boreatton Park PGL is an outdoor adventure centre set in 240 acres in the Shropshire country side. The PGL site is the largest in the country and offers a wide range of activities including abseiling, kayaking, zip wire, raft building and much more. For further information about the site, activities on offer and a 'Sample day', please visit their website: <http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays/centres/boreatton-park>

The total cost of the trip is estimated to be about £375. This includes £349 for accommodation, food and activities at the PGL site and approximately £25 per child for transport. I am aware there are so many financial demands upon families at the moment and appreciate that this is a considerable outlay for parents. We are currently looking into subsidising the trip using sports funding to reduce the total cost but cannot guarantee this at present. Please be aware of the information overleaf regarding financial assistance.

We have also provisionally booked another PGL trip 20 May 2019 for pupils in Years 5 & 6 across both Schools to the Isle of Wight. Children are welcome to attend both trips but you may prefer to select just one.

In order for us to confirm the booking with PGL, we need to gauge the number of pupils who wish to attend and to see if it is viable. We need to act quickly to secure our booking, so my apologies for the short notice, but in view of the costs involved, we are asking for you to return the expression of interest form by Friday 13th September. Once we have confirmed numbers we will be able to provide you with an exact cost, which will not exceed £375, so we would be asking for a voluntary contribution for this, and we will then organise for payments of deposits (£40) by the following Thursday, 21st September.

Once a deposit has been received, we will be happy to set up monthly payments for those who wish to spread the cost. Alternatively, you will be able to pay the remaining balance in 2 payments at Christmas and Easter.

For information and to support your decision making, if you have siblings further down the school, we will also be running a 2 night residential trip to Grendon for Years 3 & 4 in May 2018 and again in the summer of 2019 at a cost of approximately £140. Further details about these trips will follow very shortly.

Please note that Residential trips are not a National Curriculum requirement and if your child is not able to participate or does not wish to, then he/she will have an appropriate planned scheme of work whilst the other children in the year group are away.

If you have any further questions, concerns or problems regarding payment, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



Executive Headteacher



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Boreatton Park PGL Residential Trip 2018 – Expression of Interest by Friday 13th September please.

My child..... has expressed an interest in participating in the 2018 residential trip to Boreatton Park PGL.

My child..... is not interested in our son/daughter attending the residential trip to Boreatton Park in July 2018 but might be interested in a residential trip in the summer of 2019.

Other comments

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Signed.....Date.....

Important Information regarding school trips

Please note:

As part of the school's revised Charging and Remission policy, if a parent is experiencing difficulties in making the full contribution towards a trip, please talk to Louise Brown, in confidence, for assistance.

In addition, the school may be able to offer financial assistance towards the cost of a school trip and towards board and lodging on a residential trip, provided that a parent can prove that they are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

Income Support (IS);

Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);

support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;

Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190;

the guarantee element of State Pension Credit; and

an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.