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Dear Parents and Carers of Years 4 and 5

Residential Trip for Years 5 and 6 – May 2019 - Expression of interest

We are very much looking forward to the residentials we have planned for this year. I firmly believe that they offer fantastic learning experiences for the children and provide an opportunity for them to experience a range of activities that are not normally on offer in school.

With this in mind, we have already started to plan our trips for the 18/19 academic year. When we originally wrote to you about the PGL trip, we mentioned a trip we had provisionally booked for the Isle of Wight. We have now had confirmation of the costs for this trip but feel they are prohibitively expensive (over £400 per child). We have therefore looked at an alternative option. Although we have not even gone away this year, in order to see if the trip is viable and secure the booking, we need an expression of interest from yourselves to determine whether the trip is viable.

We are able to offer a 4 night residential trip to St Ives in Cornwall for our Year 5 and 6 pupils from Monday 20th to Friday 25th May 2019. We will be running this trip jointly with Denton Primary School and I will be attending as well as other members of staff from Denton and Yardley Hastings. The accommodation can only hold 45 children so we will be prioritising the Year 6 children initially. We will run a trip the following year to accommodate any Year 5 children who cannot go.

We will be staying at Cohort hostel in St Ives, please see link for more information:

<https://www.stayatcohort.co.uk/> We will have exclusive use of the hostel for the duration of our stay and will be provided with 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners during our stay. Whilst in Cornwall, we will participate in a range of activities including a visit to the Tate at St Ives, a trip to the beach, day out at the Eden Project with a workshop; several other trips are to be confirmed.

The total cost of the trip is estimated to be around £340. This includes transport, accommodation, food and all of the activities that we will be participating in.

We need to act quickly to secure the booking and are therefore asking for you to return the expression of interest form by Tuesday 1st May. (These sort of trips book up very quickly, some up to 2 years in advance.) Once we have confirmed numbers, we will be able to provide you with an exact price, which will not exceed £340, and organise for the payment of deposits (£50) by Friday 8th June 2018. We apologise for asking for a deposit so soon after the payments have been made for trips this year.

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

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 and 4 in May 2019 at an approximate cost of £140.

Please note that residential trips are not a National Curriculum requirement and if your child is not able to participate or does not want 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 payments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Brown
Executive Headteacher



Res expression of interest Yardley 18.19 Cornwall

Cornwall Residential Trip 2019 – Expression of interest by Tuesday 1st May 2018 please

My child has expressed an interest in participating in the 2019 residential trip to Cornwall and I understand that I will need to pay a £50 deposit by Friday 8th June if the trip goes ahead.

My child is not interested in attending the 2019 residential trip to Cornwall.

Other comments

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Signed Date

Important Information regarding school trips (updated April 2018)

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
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)