



Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we mentioned at our Parents Information Evening, we are trying to ensure that we get the best value for money with our trips and in particular our annual Year 4 residential, especially in the current economic climate. Therefore, we are looking at some alternative centres and different times of the week or year.

To give you a bit of an idea, we usually go away for three days and two nights and we normally stay fairly local, no further than an hour away from school. As some of the centres only take a certain number of children and the prices differ depending on time of year, we would like to get some feedback on whether or not your child wishes to attend the Year 4 residential and how much you would be willing to pay for the trip, before making our final decision. Please follow the link at the bottom of the letter to our Promise to Pay survey and respond by the end of next week, **Friday 14th October**, in order that we can make a booking and get started with preparations. Sorry about the short window but we are excited to get going!

You will notice there is a question about the amount you are willing to pay for the trip with some choices which start at the lowest end of the potential cost and end at maximum we would be willing to pay. It is important to let you know that the cost would be for the accommodation, food and activities and that the travel costs are subsidised by the school. Parents of children in financial hardship (for example an entitlement to Pupil Premium) may approach the school confidentially for financial assistance with the cost, which in the past has usually meant paying approximately 1/3 of the cost.

As we are considering a mid-week residential instead of a weekend residential this year, we thought it was worth clarifying that a residential trip is when pupils are required to stay one or more nights away from home as part of the visit. Residential trips which take place mainly or wholly outside normal school hours are subject to a compulsory charge. As the children would normally be in school for approximately 6.5 hours during a week day, and on the residential, it would be for the whole 24 hours, we would deem this as mainly outside of school hours. Attendance on the trip is not compulsory and other provision in school would be organised for those children who do not wish to attend.

We always want to get the best out of our Year 4 residential and feel it is really important to get your feedback before asking you to consider and commit to payment. Thank you in advance of filling in the survey and we look forward to your responses.

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