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Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Year 5 Residential Trip– Swanage Dorset – 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

We are currently organising a residential trip for our Year 5 children which we are really excited about.

#### **Proposed Itinerary:**

2 nights full board @ YHA Swannage

Visits to – Monkey World, Bovington Tank museum, fossil hunting on Charmouth beach, Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, Aquapark with wetsuit hire and Kent's Cavern Prehistoric caves.

Educational trips out of school are valuable for the children's development and a residential experience is even more exciting, providing the children with their first experience of being away from their families overnight

The cost of this residential will be approx £290 per child and the visit is arranged through Curriculum Travel. We book through this company as it is extremely good value for money, the children have an amazing experience, and their organization and communication with the school both before and during the residential has been excellent quality.

The cost of this residential is dependent on how many children attend. We are keen to keep the cost to you as low as possible to encourage as many children as possible to benefit from these fabulous experiences. We are able to take all 60 children, so if you would like your child to attend there is a place for them.

Staff members within the year group will accompany the children to camp and a member of the senior leadership team.

**If you are in receipt of benefits which means that your child is entitled to Free School Meals then this year we are able to offer you a 50% discount on all our residential trips.** In order to be able to benefit from this discount you will be on Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (not contribution based), Income related Employment and Support Allowance (not contribution based), Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of no more than £16,190, Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Support via part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA). Please note that if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit, you do NOT qualify even if your annual income is below £16,190. If you are uncertain if you qualify, then please go onto the Cornwall Council website and search for Free School Meals and apply [CLICK HERE](#)

So that we can confirm the exact price for you, if you would like your child to take part in the Dorset, please complete the [google form](#) by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. A deposit of **£50** will be payable on Parentpay by **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** in order to secure your child's place. Payment of the deposit constitutes an agreement that the full cost of the trip will be paid prior to the trip taking place. **If you would like your child to attend but are worried about affording the deposit please pop in and see me.**

**We will give you a payment schedule to allow you to be able to spread the cost over 4 months. All balances must be paid 8 weeks before departure as the school has to pay the fees in advance. Any withdrawals from this residential after the 8 week deadline will mean that no money is refundable. If you withdraw your child before this date you will receive a refund of your payments minus the non-refundable deposit.**

May I remind you that, as with any school educational visit, there are risks involved. Children will at times be in public places and will sleep overnight in a hotel where members of the public are staying as well. There is also a considerable amount of coach travel. Children are supervised closely and not allowed to be by themselves without an adult in public places. We do risk assessments for the different activities involved and the children's safety is a high priority.

We reserve the right not to take children should their behaviour in school give us cause for concern

I am sure that the children will have a fantastic time taking part in this amazing experience!

Yours sincerely



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*Please note: The school does not purchase any insurance to refund money should a child be unable to attend camp at the last minute due to illness etc. Where possible places are filled by offering the opportunity to children on the waiting list, money (except non-refundable deposit) is refunded. However this is not always possible and parents may want to consider taking out their own insurance to protect against such circumstances.*