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31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## Y6 Residential Visit – 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It is that time of year when we need to think about finalising booking arrangements for the Year 6 Residential Trip in 2021. In anticipation of Coronavirus restrictions being lifted and due to the continued successes of our past residential trips to PGL, we have made a provisional booking for all current Year 5 children for next year at the Osmington Bay location. Osmington Bay is located in Weymouth, Dorset. Located at the heart of the Jurassic Coast, Osmington Bay adventure centre has direct access to the beach and stunning views across the sea.

Going on a residential trip has huge benefits for children. The activities they experience are very hard to replicate in other ways and often boost confidence through adding to the children's sense of accomplishment. Being away from home is great for independence and an essential part of development. We believe these aspects have always been true, but are probably even more crucial as part of the recovery from lockdown and school closure. The opportunity we have to go in October will also help us to build an excellent team spirit for what lies ahead in the children's last year of primary education.

The date of our booking is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021** until **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. The total cost of the trip is approximately: £330.50 which includes the PGL cost, all bedding and the coach transfer. This cost may vary slightly as we have assumed all children will be attending and we are awaiting further quotes from coach companies.

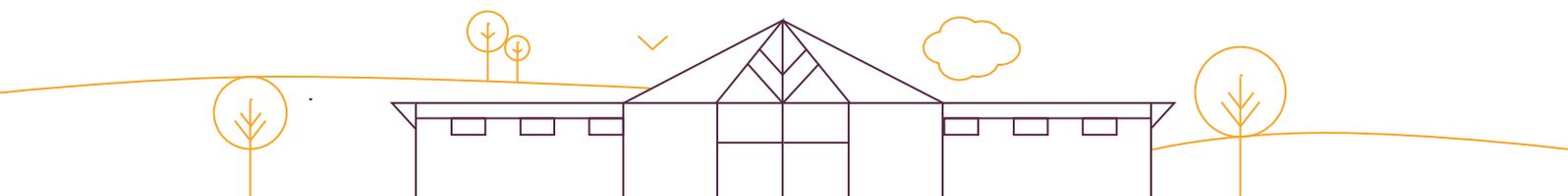
We very much hope that this is an opportunity you will want your child to be part of. We fully understand that there may well be some concerns pertaining to Coronavirus safety measures. The paragraph below sets out a little detail around this and we hope that this will provide families with some reassurance. We also know that this is not an inexpensive trip and the sum of money involved may well cause some difficulty and concern for families especially during these current times. If this is something which affects your family, then we are keen to hear from you so that we can confidentially discuss with you how we may be able to support. It is our intention that ideally all the children in Year 5 are able to go on this residential.

We are very confident that the PGL centre will be operating in full compliance with the relevant Covid19 safety measures standards for the industry. The nature of this residential visit is that there is no mixing between schools and we will be able to maintain an element of bubbling within the Berrywood cohort, should the circumstances make this necessary. The children will remain under the direct supervision of Berrywood staff at all times, and the colleagues leading this trip are senior members of staff with considerable experience of residential visits.

With your concerns or queries in mind, we have devised a Google Form for each family to complete to give us a clear indication of the intention of your child to attend the residential trip and the financial constraints this trip may cause our families. Please could all parents complete the Google Form at the attached link?

<https://forms.gle/ndyhbRLfu1Wu9bJ7A>

This visit is an Adventure Course and will have a physical aspect where the children will experience a range of activities which could include climbing, abseiling, raft building, archery and fencing, to name but a few. Children will be staying in secure four-bed chalets each with their own shower/toilet. Throughout the night members of the PGL staff will be on duty patrolling the grounds around the accommodation. There will be three healthy meals a day, each offering a selection of hot and cold foods with all dietary needs well catered for.



We believe residential visits have significant value for the development of all children and we strongly recommend that, if possible, all Year 6 pupils take part in what promises to be a most exciting and rewarding week. The residential trip provides a fantastic opportunity to build a platform for developing the whole child; one who is able to refer to overcoming physical challenges and use these as a model for overcoming difficulties in more academic learning.

Please complete the Google Form by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to indicate whether you would like your child to take part in this visit. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be in touch the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April to discuss any queries you raise on the Google Form.

**We also require a non-refundable deposit of £45 to secure your child's place**, which can be paid online at [www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri](http://www.scopay.com/berrywood-pri)

- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**                      **£45.00 non-refundable deposit**
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**                      **£65.00 second instalment**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**    **£220.50 (approx) final balance information. To be confirmed nearer the time**

After your initial deposit of £45 we are happy to receive weekly instalments of approximately £15 per week. If you would like to take up this option, please contact the school office to let us know.

Please note that by agreeing to book a place for your child, you are agreeing to pay the instalments as laid out above. If you wish to cancel your child's place after booking, the cancellation fees charged by PGL are as follows:

- Cancellation 57 days or more prior to departure                      Initial £45 deposit only
- Cancellation 56 – 29 days prior to departure                      -                      60% of total cost
- Cancellation 28 – 15 days prior to departure                      -                      80% of total cost
- Cancellation 14 days or less prior to departure                      -                      100% of total cost

If cancellation falls within the terms of PGL's insurance (illness or parental redundancy) it may be possible to make a claim but there is a £35 non-refundable excess for every claim. Please also note that PGL reserve the right to charge a £25 administration fee. Please visit [www.pgl.co.uk](http://www.pgl.co.uk) for further information, including the book with confidence details.

Further information to follow; medical and consent form, dietary requirements form, code of behaviour contract, travel synopsis, suggested kit list and Year 6 residential meeting information.

As previously mentioned if you have any financial difficulties regarding the above payments please complete the Google Form attached to this letter and a member of the senior leadership team will contact you to discuss financial support available. It is our intention for all of our Year 6 pupils to attend this residential trip.

Please click the link below for a virtual tour of Osmington Bay.

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/Templates/Designs/PGLCore/res/swf/virtual-tour/vtour-osmington/tour.html>

Yours sincerely,



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