

16th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Woodmill Activity Centre Residential Visit – 2025

In the summer term of 2025, when your child will be in Year 5, they will be invited to attend a two-day, one-night residential stay at Woodmill Activity Centre. Located in the heart of Southampton, this 17-acre site offers a unique opportunity to experience nature while still being close to the city.

Over the 2 days, the children will take part in a number of different adventure-based activities including orienteering, archery and high ropes as well as an afternoon exploring the local river as part of their geography curriculum (this will be instead of the annual river trip to Beaulieu, which costs approximately £25:00). During the trip, the children have many opportunities to develop their resilience, tenacity, confidence and collaborative skills. The Centre is well equipped to cater for a large camping group with its secluded camping field, on site showers/toilets/kitchen and a classroom which can be used as a dining space. The children will enjoy toasting marshmallows around a camp fire and experience a night camping under the stars as they snuggle down in their group's bell tent.

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 and continue to be even more so after the legacy of a pandemic. The opportunity we have to go in June will also help us to build an excellent team spirit for what lies ahead in the children's last year of primary education as well as being a stepping stone towards their Year 6 residential.

To keep the costs down for our families, it is anticipated that the children will be dropped off at Woodmill at 9am on Thursday 5th June and collected at 3:30pm on Friday 6th June. This means that we do not need to include the cost of a coach for the trip. The cost per child for a one-night stay including their activities, dinner, breakfast and lunch will be £113.00. A deposit of £20.00 will be needed to secure your child's space by Friday 26th April 2024. The final balance of £93.00 will be due in by Monday 25th November. We are asking for the balance to be paid in advance to hopefully space out payments for families as you will begin to pay for the Year 6 residential in the spring term of Year 5.

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 link below by **Friday 26th April 2024 at the latest**.

<https://forms.gle/q7YmokqPB8jh2qLw8>

After your initial deposit of £20.00, we are happy to receive weekly instalments of approximately £3.00 per week. If you would like to take up this option, please contact the school office to let us know.

A full refund will be given if cancelled 30 days prior to the commencement date.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Reilly
Headteacher

