



Friday, 27 November 2020

### **Year 5 Residential 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am just writing to update you all on the Residential that we had planned for your children when they were in Year 4. As you know that due to the pandemic and the lockdown, government guidance is that no residential should take place, which is why we have postponed the Year 4 trip until Year 5. We have booked for your children to be away from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

During November, there is a government review of educational residentials for all children and we should have the outcome of this by the beginning of December. If we are able to go ahead, I will be contacting you again after Christmas with final details of our trip.

In the meantime, could I encourage you to continue to pay for the trip, as some of you have not completed the payment. You can pay online. The total cost is £175.00.

If you have not booked a place for your child to go to Oakwood and you would now like them to go or you would like further information, please can you contact me as soon as possible. There are places still available. We are providing this trip as a stepping-stone to building up confidence for when the children are in Year 6 and go away from home for 6 ½ days to Wales. There are many benefits of attending a residential: it allows them to be away from home for an extended time; experience new routines in a safe and collaborative environment; allows them to build new relationships, develop and practice social skills; gives new opportunities and experiences that challenge them, physically and emotionally and experiences that allow learning in a different way.

In Year 5 the children will be away for 2 nights/3 days at Oakwood Activity Centre. I hope you will agree that this promises to be a very exciting opportunity and we hope you will support it. We would like as many children in Year 5 to go on the residential as possible.

If you have any questions or require any more information please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Cameron  
Deputy Head KS2