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Year 4 Residential July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to update you on the residential for Year 4 at Oakwood Activity Centre. As you may be aware, at the moment, the Government guidance is that no trips with overnight stays can take place. However, the industry are hopeful that they will get the go ahead to reopen around 21st June.

This would mean that our booking would be able to go ahead. We have been able to book **5th and 6th July** for Year 4. That is 1 night and 2 days. This is less than we would normally do but due to the extraordinary interest in Oakwood, this is the only availability. The cost of this has now reduced and is £104, which includes accommodation, all meals and all activities with fully trained instructors. This amount will be fully refunded if the residential is cancelled due to COVID. If you have paid more than £104 already, we will be in touch with a refund. If you have a balance to pay, we will set up a payment on Eduspot for you to make this shortly.

Just to remind you all that we will be the only school on the premises during those dates so the children will be quite safe, and Oakwood will be following extra safety procedure in line with Government guidance.

I know that many of you have already secured your place by paying your deposit of £50 and understand that some of you might want your child to go but have not paid a deposit. There are a few more places available so if you are interested in securing a place then please can you follow the link below to express your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uUnrwHqLfEmMx4AYyl_QI5DUxJmeQJ1BszJD8Ug8VaRUQIFSMk5ERzJVWku5NURGVzNETTBCU1hXSi4u

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.

If your child is not going to Oakwood, it is likely they will be joining another year group at school for the 2 days Year 4 are away. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office and I will try to answer you as soon as possible. For questions about payments, please email residential@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Ms Cameron, Deputy Head KS2