



Waterbeach Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to you to tell you about next year's residential trip for our year 6 children. With the continual reduction of safety measures after the pandemic, we believe that now is the time to plan to resurrect our traditional year 6 residential visit. Hooray!!!

We have provisionally booked the five-day visit to the Isle of Wight for 20th to 24th June 2022. Before the COVID pandemic affected this, we had taken all our year 6 children on the ferry, across the Solent to the Island, with a company called The Isle of Wight Experience. This company is very experienced and have been coordinating school residential visits for many years. The one unfortunate issue is that we are unable to access insurance for any COVID related cancellations. However, we really would like to look forward and try to give our year 6 children this opportunity.

The price of the trip will include

- A coach, which will stay with us and take us everywhere we need to go, for the whole time we are away
- Ferry crossing costs
- All-inclusive board and lodgings at a dedicated hotel on the island
- Visits to at least two different locations every day that we are away – all entrance fees included in the price

The visits may include - Osbourne house (Queen Victoria's retreat), Carisbrooke Castle, Robin Hill Country Park, walks and games on the beach and a possible visit to a Donkey sanctuary. We will hopefully also take the children to see the Needles. These activities have not yet been booked as we are not yet sure how they have been affected by the pandemic.

The cost of the whole trip is not yet confirmed but usually amounts to around £335. I understand that this is a lot of money, but it works out at just over £67.00 per day for all the above. Due to the insurance issue, it is not refundable if we must cancel due to COVID.

This trip is an optional extra to our curriculum and so we are unable to take any child without payment. I am writing this letter early to give all parents the chance to set up a payment plan should you wish to do so. I understand that this is a lot of money to ask for – but it is a very worthwhile trip and will give your child many opportunities, skills, and experiences. They will be away from home for four nights and, in my experience, this usually gives them a great deal of confidence in themselves. A very good start to their transition to secondary school. I believe that we should challenge our children and this trip will go a long way to developing their resilience for the future, as well as show them a part of the world that they may not visit again.

Children who qualify for Pupil Premium will have financial support for this trip. Please contact the office for details

If you would like your child to take part in next year's trip, please can you complete the slip below as a register of interest. Please could you return it to the school office by **Friday 1st October 2021**.

This is a register of interest and will inform as to whether we have enough interest to make the visit feasible. Thank you!

Yours sincerely

Miss Jane Green
Headteacher

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The Isle of Wight Experience – Year 6 residential trip- 20th – 24th June 2022

Child's Name Class

- I would like my child to take part in The Isle of Wight Experience Residential Visit 2022 and I understand that should there be a lockdown in June, we will be unable to claim a refund of the money we have paid.

Signed Parent/Carer Date



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