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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Proposed Year 4 Residential: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

We are excited to say that we can once again offer a two-night residential to Lodge Hill Centre in Watersfield near Pulborough on the above dates. Lodge Hill is a 32-acre woodland site in the heart of the South Downs National Park, offering accommodation and a wide range of activities. Please see the link below to the centre's website for further information about them: <https://lodgehill.org.uk/>

The activities we hope the children will take part in are: Archery, Gladiator Challenge, Low Zip Line, Abseiling, Crate Stack Challenge, Team Building, Tunnelling, Jacob's Ladder, Campfire and Disco.

We would like to ask parents and carers to complete the online survey to indicate whether you would like your child to take part in this residential so that we can gauge interest to enable us to secure the booking. If we do not receive sufficient interest in the trip, we will not be able to secure the booking.

<https://forms.gle/MHtojudMYPEU7R64A>

**The survey will be available until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

As we spoke about previously at the Year 4 Welcome Meeting in order to keep costs as low as possible we are requesting that this year children are transported to and from Lodge Hill by parents, rather than using a coach.

The total payment for the 2-night stay will be in the region of £280 per child. This is based on the majority of the children attending, however should interest be significantly reduced, this price may change. After the survey has closed, we will be able to confirm if the trip is viable and what the actual costs would be.

We appreciate that this is a large sum to pay in one go, so we will be offering a payment plan to spread the cost over the months between now and May. It must be stressed that the trip will not be able to go ahead unless parents who wish their child to attend adhere to payment schedules that will be outlined in the subsequent letters.



Although the contribution is voluntary, it should be pointed out that the visit could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. We appreciate that some families may find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum. If you are in this position and have need of financial assistance, please apply in confidence to Mrs Smith, School Business Manager, in the school office. It should be stressed that if a family were unable to contribute, no child within the year group would be disadvantaged and be left out of the activity, or the activities happening at school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Burnett and Mr Bailey and Mrs Galpin  
Year 4 class teachers