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8th February 2022

Dear Parent and Carers

Year 6 Residential Trip to Dalesdown – June 2022

I am very pleased to confirm that we will be having our Year 6 residential trip to Dalesdown Residential activity centre in the summer term. We were so pleased that we were able to take the previous Year 6 cohort in 2021 and we all look forward to our present Year 6's having a similarly memorable experience.

The trip will take place from **Monday 6th June – Friday 10th June (This is the week directly after the half term break)**. The children will arrive at 10am on the Monday and stay for 4 nights to be collected on the Friday at 2pm

As a reminder, Dalesdown **only** accommodates one school party at a time. This means that we would be the **only** school in attendance and, in addition, as we 'run' the centre for the week i.e. do all of our own catering, cleaning and tidying during the visit, we would not come into close contact with other children or adults.

Some families may have had older children attend but for those of you where this is your first experience, I cannot recommend the trip highly enough- This will be my 17th Year 6 residential trip out of the last 18 years! (please see an extract from our annual letter to parents):

"The residential trip to Dalesdown provides a rewarding and enjoyable week for our Year 6 children who benefit enormously from the experience, both educationally and socially. Dalesdown is a local Christian residential activity centre, located in the beautiful rural setting of Honeybridge Lane, Dial Post, and during the week, the children will take part in a wide range of fun and exciting activities. The trip is an invaluable part of the National Curriculum and is one of the highlights of the Year 6 school year."

We intend to have a meeting where parents can ask questions about the trip (e.g. overview, activities, accommodation etc.) in the week after the February half term. We will send out the exact date and timing in a separate communication (we will also give information about the End of Key Stage 2 SATs in May 2022).

As in previous years, the trip will involve a combination of activities on-site and others where we will be transported to external venues by coach. We hope to repeat last year's activities which is why I intend to keep the overall cost the same as in 2021.

A cost breakdown is shown below as a guide to how they are split between Board and Lodging and Activities (including transport):

Costs breakdown:

Board & Lodging (including breakfast, packed lunch and dinner)	Chargeable: Parents/carers may request a reduction for the cost of board and lodging where their child is eligible for free school meals.	£115
Activity Costs (including transport)	Voluntary contribution:	£105
Total Cost		£220

At this time, what we are looking for is an indicator of whether parents wish their child to attend. This can be done by paying the deposit amount of £20 by Friday 25th February. If you wish your child to attend, we ask that the balance is paid by Friday 27th May, either in a lump sum or by instalments as set out below. All payments should be made via your sQuid account.

25 th February	Payment 1	£20
31 st March	Payment 3	£70
30 th April	Payment 4	£70
27 th May	Payment 5	£60

If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the school reserves the right to cancel/change some of the activities. In order to give the school time to make changes, if you are unable to pay some or all of the voluntary contributions please advise the school via office@stnm.org.uk

If you wish to discuss a reduction in charges, please also let the school know. In exceptional cases of hardship, the school will try to provide financial support.

Please complete and return the attached reply slip and pay the deposit online through sQuid. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please get in touch. You can also visit www.dalesdown.org.uk online to find out more.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Lincoln
Acting Headteacher

Y6 Residential Trip to Dalesdown Activity Centre – Monday 6th - Friday 10th June 2022

To Mr Lincoln,

I have paid the deposit of £20 (Payment 1) on sQuid for my child to attend the Year 6 Residential Trip to Dalesdown from Monday 6th June – Friday 10th June 2022.

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....

Please now complete **either** Section A or Section B below:

SECTION A

I am able to pay the full cost of the residential trip to Dalesdown and I will pay the remaining balance on Squid by Friday 27th May 2022 by:

Lump Sum: £220 by end of 28th February 2022

Regular Instalments

25 th February	Payment 1	£20
31 st March	Payment 2	£70
30 th April	Payment 3	£70
27 th May	Payment 4	£60

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....

SECTION B

I am unable to pay the full cost of the residential trip to Dalesdown. I will pay the chargeable amount of £115 and £..... of the voluntary contribution on Squid by Friday 27th May 2022 by:

Lump Sum: £..... by end of 28th February 2022

Regular Instalments:

31 st March	Payment 2	£.....
30 th April	Payment 3	£.....
27 th May	Payment 4	£.....

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....

Journey together ★ Guided by God ★ To do the best we can