



## St Nicolas and St Mary Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers

### Year 6 Residential Trip to Dalesdown – July 2021

Firstly, I would like to give a very warm greeting to all of our Year 6 children and families – we really miss those of you at home and would like to say well done for engaging with google classrooms, and well done to those of you in Rainbow Club for your continued hard work.

This may seem a strange time to be writing to you about residential trips; however, I hope that this news may bring a smile to the children's faces. I can confirm that we fully intend to have our Year 6 residential trip to Dalesdown Residential activity centre in the summer term. Any plans are, of course, subject to governmental guidance but I am extremely optimistic that by the latter part of the summer term we will be in a place where the trip will be possible for our children. My optimism is based around two key factors:

- Firstly, we have taken the decision to move the week we will be visiting to **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. We hope that moving the trip a month later (originally booked for the 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June) will maximise our chances of being able to attend.
- Secondly, 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.

The plan is for the children to arrive during the afternoon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, stay for 4 nights and then be collected in the afternoon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. I was extremely upset that our Year 6 children last year were unable to attend as I know this is an event they look forward to for many years before (personally, it has always been a highlight of my year and last year broke my run of 15 consecutive years of attendance at Year 6 residential trips!)

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 (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."*

Usually, we have a meeting where parents can ask questions about the trip (e.g. overview, activities, accommodation etc.) but unfortunately, this will not be possible this year. However, I am very happy to share more information with parents/children so if you do have any questions about the trip, please send these to the school office via email [office@stnm.org.uk](mailto:office@stnm.org.uk) by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm**. I will then collate the questions and record a short video with further information, which will 'hopefully' answer all your questions. The link for this will be emailed to you on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

In previous years, the trip has involved a combination of activities on-site and others where we have been transported to external venues by coach. We are unsure as to which external activities we would be able to undertake so we are unable to give an exact cost at this time. A potential cost breakdown is shown overleaf as a guide; however I feel confident that the activity costs are likely to be less with the board and lodging staying the same.

## Proposed costs breakdown:

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

At this time, what we are really 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 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish your child to attend, we ask that the balance is paid by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, either in a lump sum or by instalments as set out below. All payments should be made via your sQuid account.

12 <sup>th</sup> February	Payment 1	£20
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Payment 2	£50
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Payment 3	£50
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Payment 4	£50
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Payment 5	£50

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](mailto: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](http://www.dalesdown.org.uk) online to find out more.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Lincoln  
Acting Headteacher

## Y6 Residential Trip to Dalesdown Activity Centre – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....

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

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### 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 by:

- Lump Sum: £200 by end of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Regular Instalments:
- |                           |           |     |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February | Payment 2 | £50 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | Payment 3 | £50 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April    | Payment 4 | £50 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May      | Payment 5 | £50 |

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....

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### 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 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 by:

- Lump Sum: £..... by end of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Regular Instalments:
- |                           |           |        |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February | Payment 2 | £..... |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | Payment 3 | £..... |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April    | Payment 4 | £..... |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May      | Payment 5 | £..... |

Signed.....

Date.....

Print name.....