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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 Residential Trip to Truleigh Hill – 2022

You may be aware that the school have organised a year 5 residential trip to **Truleigh Hill** Youth Hostel Association. The previous trips have been a fantastic, exciting residential adventure which provided some fabulous curriculum and learning experiences for children.

Further information:

- The trip will be led and organised by Mr Etherton, Miss Smith and Mr Davies with other staff/volunteers on the team.
- The children will be sleeping in dormitories of between 2 and 8 children. Most of the beds are bunks and we will have some additional mattresses on the floor to ensure that we can accommodate everyone. We will have exclusive use of the hostel overnight.
- Children will walk from school, leaving at 9am on Thursday 16th June. It is 4 miles. Children will need comfy shoes, a small rucksack, drink, packed lunch, waterproof coat and sunscreen.
 - We will ask for volunteers to walk with us to Truleigh Hill and organise a lift back at lunchtime!
 - Well-behaved dogs on a lead are welcome for the walk – but children will be able to choose a non-dog group if that is their preference.
- Overnight bags will be taken up by car (we may ask for some volunteers to assist with this)
- We will be walking through Buckingham Park, through the estate, and over the hills. There will be lots of curriculum activities to do on the way such as Mill Hill Nature Reserve and map reading.
- At the hostel we will do a range of activities such as team building exercises, shelter building, fire lighting, rounders and so on.
- Children will need to be picked up by parents from Truleigh Hill on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. We strongly recommend car sharing where possible to avoid long queues when collecting the children. Please let the office know who will be picking up your child.

This trip is subject to sufficient parental support.

The trip will take place from **Thursday 16th June to Friday 17th June 2022**. The cost of the trip is £35.00 and includes accommodation and food (except packed lunch on first day).

Board & Lodging – includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Hot evening meal • Hot chocolate • Cooked breakfast • Packed lunch for day 2 • Drink and snacks • Cost of sun cap 	Chargeable: If a family is in receipt of one of the benefits specified at the end of this letter, the school will waive the charges. If <u>we</u> have to cancel the trip we will make refunds to parents and carers.	£35.00
All other costs	Voluntary contribution: All curriculum and staffing costs associated with the trip will be covered by the school. However, if parents wish to make a donation towards those who are facing financial challenges on this or other trips, then please feel free to do so. Suggested donation is £3.00	£0
Total Cost		£35

Payment of £35 is required by Friday 3rd June 2022. Please log in to your sQuid account to give permission and pay your deposit.

Normally trips are expensive because of coach travel. We are fortunate that the hostel is nearby and we will not need to pay for travel! There is no cost for the curriculum activities so the above cost is not voluntary. However, if you wish to speak to me in confidence about the entitlement to waive charges, please contact me to arrange an appointment. Please note that this price includes a £10 discount per child that we have negotiated with the YHA.

More details on the trip, including a kit list, will be shared in due course.

More information about the youth hostel can be found at:

https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-truleigh-hill?utm_source=google&utm_medium=maps&utm_campaign=google-places

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please email the school office. We will compile a FAQs sheet and send it out before the event.

Yours sincerely,



David Etherton
Executive Headteacher

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits the charges for the trip will be waived:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit