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Dear Parents/Carers,

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## Year 5 & 6 Pupils (September 2025)

As you may be aware, we currently offer residential trips to our year 5 and year 6 children.

These visits are incredibly worthwhile for the children both from a curriculum viewpoint and from a personal and social viewpoint. The children always return from our residential visits more independent, confident and socially aware; they are invaluable.

We have already made a booking for the next academic year in order to benefit from an early booking discount. The booking is to return to the centre at Bawdsey, Woodbridge, Suffolk, **from Monday lunchtime, 6<sup>th</sup> October to Friday early evening, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

The PGL centres are completely self-contained with most activities taking place within the grounds. Activities during the 2023 visit to Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk included canoeing, rifle shooting, challenge course, raft building, a beach/coastal walk, Jacob's ladder, Zip wire, orienteering and survivor skills. As with all PGL courses, safety is paramount and there are well trained instructors and enthusiastic group leaders who ensure that everyone enjoys themselves.

We are very aware of the need to keep costs as low as possible and to give parents/carers as much notice as possible so they can plan for the expense of the trip.

If the majority of the Year 5 & 6 children take advantage of this visit, the full cost of the trip which includes the coach of £44, plus visit fees and insurance of £440, will be a total of £484. The school will contribute towards these costs; therefore, the cost to yourselves will be **£470.**

Below is the proposed schedule of payments for the trip:

- A deposit of £70 to be paid by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.
- An interim payment of £70 to be paid by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.
- An interim payment of £70 to be paid by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.
- An interim payment of £70 to be paid by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- An interim payment of £70 to be paid by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.
- An interim payment of £70 to be paid by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.
- An interim payment of £50 to be paid by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

We intend to hold a meeting on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6:00p.m.** to provide an outline of the trip, further details of activities, accommodation and costings and payment details. Following the meeting we will then require parents to commit to their child participating in the residential visit.

We would strongly advise all parents to attend so that they can make an informed decision about whether their child would like to go on the residential.

This letter is just for information only. Please do not send any funds into school prior to that. A separate letter inviting you and your child to the meeting will be sent nearer the time.

If you have any queries about payment for the PGL visit, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs. Jones in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

D. Pilsworth  
Headteacher

