



**HAYTOR VIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Year 5 Residential to Dolly's Cott, Dartmoor – 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**

As promised earlier in the school year, I am now writing to you all with further details of September's residential trip for Year 5 children (those currently in Year 4).

As discussed at the meeting, the cost of the trip will be **£65** - the same price as last year – an amazing feat in the current economic climate, I'm sure you will agree! We genuinely always try to keep the cost of residential visits as manageable as possible for families. Furthermore, we always ensure that maximum value for money is enjoyed by parents/carers and the children who take part in the activities. The amount may be paid in instalments over the coming months or as a lump sum – whichever is most convenient. **Sadly we are not able to take any children on the residential trips if full payment for the trip has not been received before we leave. We expect payment to be received a fortnight before the trip takes place.** With this in mind we'd encourage you to take advantage of the instalment system and pay in smaller, more manageable amounts if this is helpful - there is still a lot of time left before we go. Procedures have been set up in school and our office is prepared to accept payments from today.

The trip itself will involve camping at Brimpts Farm (at a different location than in previous years, in a beautiful valley close to the River Dart.) The group will walk from Bellever Forest to camp and make pizzas, camp in teepees, make toasting forks and enjoy other exciting bushcraft activities. The Bunkhouse at Powdermills, Dartmoor has been reserved in case of poor weather so don't worry, whatever happens, your child won't be exposed to the worst the British weather can throw at us!

Another letter will be sent out soon detailing the kit list needed for the trip. Don't worry, you shouldn't have to buy anything new. All of the items will already be in your possession or they will be items we can lend to you if needed.

In the meantime, I would like to invite you to a presentation by Mark Reeves from Young Spirit, the trip organisers, **after school tomorrow**. It will start **in the hall at 3.15** and should last around half an hour. We will provide refreshments so please feel free to bring younger brothers and sisters along and enjoy a tea/coffee/juice and a biscuit. It will be great to see you there! I will ensure that **payment cards** are available to be issued at the meeting which will allow you to make payments at any time during the course of the school year. We are pleased that we have a very longstanding relationship with Mark who has been leading our residential trips at Haytor View for over ten years now. This meeting will give you an ideal opportunity to ask questions about the trip, it's organisation as well as meet Mark yourself. We are mindful that for many children and parents this will be the first experience of spending time apart and being able to have a chat with Mark and teachers involved in the experience always brings a good deal of comfort.

We look forward to enjoying another great year of memorable residential visits and are pleased to be able to rely on your support as we develop our residential programme to better support your children's time with us.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Hankin  
Key Stage 2 Phase leader

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**Reply Slip – Year 5 Residential Sept 2017**

I am planning/ not planning\* that my child will take part in the Year 5 residential visit to Dolly's Cott, Dartmoor taking place from 21-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

I intend to pay in instalments totalling £65

I intend to make a one-off payment of £65

My child's name..... My name.....

Signed ..... Date.....

\*please delete as appropriate

Please complete and pass to your child's learning leader. Many thanks.