



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Year 6 Adventure Residential – Raleigh Estate, Dartmouth**

I am writing to give you important information about your child's next residential trip in September 2017 when they will be part of our Year 6 group that visits the Raleigh Estate near Dartmouth. We are really keen to ensure that the trip is accessible to everyone and that we have as many children as possible joining us. With this in mind we have been working hard with Mark Reeves to keep costs down, and as well as that, we are sharing arrangements with you early again this year so that you can have longer to pay for the trip!

The residential will begin on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** with the children returning at the end of the school day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**. Whilst away, the children will be canoeing along the River Dart as well as making camp and cooking their dinner over open fires. They will take part in a 'Challenge Course' where they will need to develop and use teamwork and outdoor skills to solve problems successfully, as well as having the opportunity to ride the famous zip wire through the treetops of the Raleigh Estate and learn more about bushcraft and orienteering skills.

Following the success of last year's residential event, we are keen for all of our Year 6 children to have the opportunity to complete their time at Haytor View in this fantastic setting. All of the activities take place in a safe and secure manner that all children can engage with, whether they are confident swimmers or not. However, if your child has concerns about any of the elements of the stay, certain parts can be avoided if they wish. All of the instructors employed by Young Spirit are fully qualified and understand our school ethos so they are encouraging and understand our children's different needs.

This unique experience should be something that lives long in the memory and provide a great way to spend time with classmates at the start of Year 6 – their last year at Haytor View. In order to meet the costs of the trip, we are seeking from parents a voluntary contribution of **£155 for each child**. The price of this trip has remained roughly the same for the last few years. We always try to keep the cost of residential visits as manageable as possible – this year we are pleased that contributions from parent fundraising are being committed to the residential in order that the price you pay does not

include any school/staff costs related to the event. This ensures that you pay the cost of the trip charged by the Spirit of Adventure and no more. What's more we always ensure that maximum value for money is received by parents/carers and the children who take part in the activities – our long term relationship with Spirit of Adventure allows us to make sure that this is the case.

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.

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. You can find out more about the residential and ask any questions you would like answering. 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.

I will be in touch again soon to update you with details of the kit the children will need to take with them. Please be assured that no special or new equipment or clothing will be required to make this trip accessible to your child – there really is no need to spend any money beyond the cost of the trip.

I would be grateful if you could complete the slip below confirming whether you plan for your child to take part in the trip, along with details of how you plan to make payments to meet the cost of the residential.

We look forward to enjoying another memorable residential visit and are pleased to be able to rely on your continued support as we seek to celebrate your children's time with us.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Hankin  
Key Stage Two Phase Leader

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## REPLY SLIP

I am planning that my child \*will / will not\* take part in the Year 6 Adventure Residential in September 2017.

I plan to make payments \*in instalments / in a lump sum\*

\*please delete as appropriate

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_