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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4

Residential visit to PGL Ford castle May 2024

We are delighted to announce that we have organized our annual Year 4 residential visit for May 2024. In the past we have always gone to Dukeshouse Wood. This year, we are going to visit a new venue, which is a PGL centre based at Ford Castle. This is a link to their website-

<https://schoolsandgroups.pgl.co.uk/centres/ford-castle/>

The dates are **Wednesday 15 May to Friday 17 May 2024.**

The visit is for all children who are currently in Year 4 and we would love the whole class to take part. The aim of the visit is to develop self-esteem, self-reliance and team work. It is a fabulous opportunity for learning beyond the classroom and possibly being away from home for the first time. The children will have the opportunity to take risks and face challenges in a safe and secure environment. All activities are led by fully qualified and DBS checked instructors. We have the risk assessments for all activities to ensure the safety of the children.

We will be travelling to and from the centre with children and staff from New Hartley First School. We do this every year for two reasons. Firstly, our children get to know some of the Year 4 children at New Hartley who they will be with when they move to middle school in September. Secondly, we can split the cost of the coach with New Hartley, which means we only have to pay half of the full cost of the coach.

The cost of the visit is £170 per person. The cost for our half of the coach is £575, which equates to £32 per child. Therefore, the **total cost is £202 per person.**

We will be subsidizing the total cost per person by £82, meaning parents and carers need to pay **£120** for their child to take part. We understand that this is a large sum of money, however it is significantly less than the total cost due to the very substantial subsidy we are providing.

Payments can be made on School Gateway. In the payments section, click on Year 4 Ford Castle visit May 2024. The **non-refundable deposit of £30** to secure your child's place on the visit is due by **Friday 02 February**. Please pay the **outstanding balance of £90** by **Wednesday 27 March**, which is roughly 10 weeks from now. The balance can be paid in one amount, or in smaller amounts, such as £10 per week. As soon as all deposits have been paid by 02 February, we will open up the payment portal so that smaller amounts can be paid to pay of the outstanding balance. In the first instance, the minimum payment is £30.

The Year 4 residential visit is always a brilliant experience for the children and something that they will always remember. If you have any questions about the visit, please see either of us and we will try to help. We will be sending out lots more information soon, including information about safeguarding,

meals at the centre and the activity programme. We will also be asking you for information including dietary requirements, medical information and contact details.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell
Headteacher

Mrs Lyons
Year 4 teacher