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22 June 2020

Dear Parents

**Residential Trip to Osmington Bay – 21 – 25 June 2021**

I am writing to parents of our current Year 4 and Year 5 pupils with some information about the residential trip planned for next summer. Usually, I would be inviting you all to come to a meeting this term to introduce the trip but obviously things are a bit different this year!

We have provisionally booked to take the children to the PGL camp at Osmington Bay, Dorset, between 21 and 25 June 2021. We have visited this site several times already and some of you may have older children who have enjoyed visits there with us. At present, we have until mid September to secure this booking. We will not make a firm booking until we have spoken with PGL again in September to confirm that the trip can go ahead, and confirmed the insurance position should any planned trip be cancelled by them. You do not have to pay any money until September but I wanted to make parents aware of the costs involved so that you have time to plan. I am aware it is a considerable financial outlay for families and some people have found it easier to start paying small amounts towards the trip already.

We firmly believe that these trips provide a safe, secure and challenging environment for children to develop new social skills and responsibilities in an “away-from-home” situation. As teachers, we welcome the opportunity to interact with children in a different setting and, of course, the whole experience is both educational and enjoyable. The children always thoroughly enjoy their activities and the experience of living in their “own flat” for a week!

Osmington Bay is a beautiful location and affords breathtaking views over the English Channel. It is close to the holiday resort of Weymouth. Our activities take place at the Osmington Bay site, and Portland Bay (for watersports). Full details are available at [www.pgl.co.uk/osmington](http://www.pgl.co.uk/osmington).

**Accommodation and Food**

PGL has a well-designated area of 3 – 4 bedroomed chalets in a section of the upper half of the park. Each chalet has its own bathroom. All meals are provided during our stay.

**Activities**

All activities are carried out by qualified instructors who have been recruited for their friendliness and enthusiasm, and for their suitability to work with children, as well as their specialist training. The Centre is licensed under the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996.

*We know that God loves us; We show it by being loving, honest and respectful.*

## Safety

Naturally, safety is our prime concern and I am satisfied that the Company's attention to safety is second to none. In addition, accommodation is guarded by safety patrols at night and teaching staff have duplicate keys to gain admittance. There is also a Duty Instructor on call "after hours" to deal with any emergencies and Instructors are qualified First-Aiders.

## Cost

The cost for 2021 *should be* £434 (it was £350 in 2019), however we have been able to reduce this cost to £384 per child. We have received some sports premium funding which we are able to use to reduce the cost for parents. For those of you who have younger children who may be going to Osmington in the future, it is unlikely that we will be able to repeat this reduction for future visits, as this funding is now coming to an end.

The payment plan is outlined below for your information, however you can make payments of any amount at any time online on your SIMS Pay account if you find it easier to pay regular amounts. Below are the current deadline dates for payments:-

£45.00 deposit	due by 18 September 2020
£84.75 payment	due by 31 October 2020
£84.75 payment	due by 31 December 2020
£84.75 payment	due by 12 February 2021
£84.75 balance	due by 31 March 2021

Financial assistance is available for families in receipt of pupil premium. Please email or phone the School Office for further information.

## Reserving your child's place

I will write again in early September, before the deposit deadline, to update you on the situation regarding future school trips. Assuming that we are able to proceed with the booking, then the £45 deposit will secure your child's place. This deposit is usually non-refundable, but if we decide not to proceed with booking then we will of course return any payments we have received over the summer period. If you are one of the families who have already started paying money towards the trip, then we do not require a further deposit.

Sincerely

**Mrs K J Walker**

Headteacher

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## OSMINGTON BAY 2021

Name..... Class.....  
wishes to join the Osmington Bay Trip from 21-25 June 2021.

I will pay the £45 deposit by 18/9/20. We will make further payments by the deadlines in the letter.

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

**Please return to the Office before 18 September 2020**