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Dear parents and carers,

Plas Pencelli Residential Visit – Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March, 2024

I am pleased to let you know that we have been able to book next year's residential visit for Y6 pupils to Plas Pencelli Outdoor Education Centre in Brecon, Wales for the week 26th February to 1st March 2024.

The total cost of the trip is £369. This includes £335 for board and lodgings which is a legitimate charge to parents, as well as voluntary contributions of £34 for transport.

Parents in receipt of some support payments are entitled to the remission of charges for board and lodging costs during residential school trips. The relevant support payments are: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guarantee element of Pension Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) and Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190. Whilst you are entitled to a remission of charges for board and lodgings costs, we would ask that you consider making a voluntary contribution towards this and other costs associated with the trip. If you think that you meet the criteria for remission of charges, or would like to discuss this further, please make an appointment to speak to me in confidence.

Unfortunately, if we have insufficient voluntary contributions the visit may have to be cancelled.

What to do next

If your child would like a place on the visit, please pay the £50 deposit via ParentMail under Trips by Friday 29th September.

Please note that this deposit is non-refundable unless we are able to fill the vacant space. Please come and speak to us at some point this term if your child would like a place on the residential, but the deposit of £50 causes a problem; at this stage, it is more important that we have an indication of the number of pupils interested in taking part in the trip, and alternative arrangements with regards to the deposit can be agreed)

OR

Request an appointment to discuss payment further, if you feel you meet the criteria for remission of charges given above or you would like to discuss options for payment. Please email office.3852@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk or call us on 01235 817744 if you would like to arrange a meeting.

You are very welcome to spread the cost of this trip by paying in instalments; this can be done online using ParentMail.

We have enough spaces on the visit to enable us to take all Y6 pupils with us; therefore, if you pay the deposit, please take this as confirmation of your child's place. Payment of the full amount towards the trip will then be due by Monday 12th February 2024, unless otherwise agreed.

This week is an incredibly valuable learning experience and one which pupils will never forget, but we fully appreciate that this trip is expensive. I hope the flexibility around payment outlined above is helpful, but if you have any concerns about any aspects of the visit, or would like more information, please speak to myself or Mrs Johnston.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Allmond
Co - Headteacher