



Monday 4th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have planned an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in a residential trip to Cherry Garth Camp next year. As part of our outdoor adventure activity work, we are aiming for the children to confidently develop their life skills and build their independence without being too far from home. We are also hoping that by keeping the expense to a minimum the whole cohort will be able to participate.

The trip will take place during our transition weeks in July (**W/B 6th July**) and the children will be accompanied by their new year 6 teachers and classes. This will be a fabulous opportunity for the children to build relationships with their new class teachers and peers at the start of the all-important final academic year with us. The trip will last for 3 days / two nights. The exact dates will be confirmed when we have numbers as this determines how many camps we will need. It will be either Mon 6th-Wed 8<sup>th</sup> or Wed 8<sup>th</sup> –Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **What's it all about?**

It's about having fun while taking part in all sorts of outdoor activities designed to help your child learn and develop new skills and really shine as an individual and also as part of a team.

For many children this may be their first experience of staying away from home without you. School staff will be on hand throughout to encourage, reassure and help, so that your child returns home even more confident and independent with a real sense of achievement. Activities will include orienteering, low ropes, archery and cooking with fires. There will also be evening activities such as songs around the campfire.

#### **What does it cost?**

The cost of the trip will be **£90** which can be paid in instalments prior to the trip. It may be, if we have large numbers of children attending, that we can reduce this further.

The cost includes:

- A full daily programme of outdoor activities
- Fun evening entertainment
- All meals
- Accommodation in tents
- Insurance

There are no extras and no money will need to be taken by the children on the trip.

**What do I need to do next?**

We will be holding a meeting at the end of the school day on Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> November** at 3.15pm. Here I will show you some pictures of the camp and share the aims and opportunities it provides. Caroline Carr, who runs the camp, will also be here to discuss the opportunities from her perspective. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions before you commit to the trip. We would encourage all parents to attend the meeting, even if you are unsure whether you want to send your child, so that an informed decision can be made. It will take place in the school hall, and should last no more than half an hour.

In order to book a place for your child you will need to return the following slip to school with a £25 deposit by **Friday 22nd November 2019**. Upon receipt of this the school will send you a payment card so that you can spread payments across the year to suit your own personal circumstances. Naturally we do encourage the paying of small amounts as often as possible to avoid any large outstanding balances later in the year. The final deadline for all payments is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

**Finally**

If you have any particular questions or concerns regarding your child’s participation in the trip please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

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(Deputy Headteacher)

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**Reply Slip – Cherry Garth Camp Trip**

Pupil’s Name ..... Class.....

I would like to reserve a place for my son/daughter on the Cherry Garth Camp trip and enclose a deposit of £ 25.

I understand that once deposits have been paid to Cherry Garth they are non-refundable.

Signed .....  
(Parent/guardian)

Date .....