



RJ/KP

18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Educational Residential Visits

Educational residential visits and Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) are an important part of our school curriculum and provide exciting and important learning and social experiences for children.

When Blackland Farm was closed for the 2023-2024 academic year and prices had increased dramatically for the Isle of Wight trip, we began exploring a variety of options for our residential visits and OAA curriculum. Taking into account rising costs for accommodation and transport, as well as organising staffing to accompany groups of children on these trips has meant that we have revised our residential visit and OAA plans for key stage 2.

Our plans from this year are that:

- Year 3 and Year 4 will take part in Forest School sessions and OAA activities in our PE curriculum
- Year 5 will take part in Forest School sessions, OAA activities in our PE curriculum and will have an OAA enrichment day and one night camping opportunity in the summer term
- Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit [PGL Marchants Hill](#) in the autumn term of Year 6 (autumn 2025)
- Year 6 will take part in Forest School sessions, OAA activities in our PE curriculum and have the opportunity to visit [PGL Marchants Hill](#) in the summer term (Wednesday 2nd July-Friday 4th July 2025)

More information will be sent to our current Year 6 parents after October half term about the residential visit to PGL Marchants Hill in July 2025. At the moment, we are expecting the cost to be around £350 per pupil – this includes accommodation and transport (approximately £250 for pupils eligible for free school meals).

We hope that these reviewed arrangements will still provide rich learning opportunities for the children without placing large financial demands on parents for consecutive year groups.

Best wishes

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