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Dear Parents/Carers,

27th June 2022

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PGL LITTLE CANADA, ISLE OF WIGHT – JULY 2023 (CURRENT YEAR 5's)

We have had several queries regarding the status of this trip after our last communication in February. We apologise for the delay but after confirming the quotation, have spent the last few months trying to source more reasonably priced alternatives. Unfortunately, given how far in advance bookings need to be placed, this search has failed to provide as we had hoped. Consequently, we are now writing to you with details of PGL, Isle of Wight - our regular PGL destination.

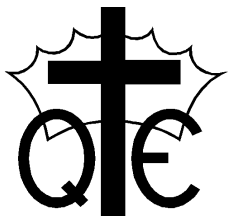
From **Monday 10th to Friday 14th July 2023**, a group of Year 6 pupils, supervised by members of QE staff, will stay at Little Canada, a PGL site on the Isle of Wight.

The visit will be a multi-activity 'primary to secondary transition' course, encouraging team building and leadership skills in a fun and supportive environment. There are a huge variety of activities, which could include abseiling, archery, dragon boating and zip-wiring to name a few. For more information about what PGL sites have to offer please look at their website: www.pgl.co.uk. The staff at the centre are experts in their respective fields and are skilled in introducing children to their particular area of expertise. As with any school activity, great attention will be paid to the safety and welfare of the children as well as to their educational development. The accommodation consists mainly of 4 – 10 bed purpose built log cabins with en-suite facilities.

The **estimated** cost of the trip is £510.00. Whilst the final cost may be slightly reduced, it should not be any higher. This cost includes all transport and PGL insurance and reflects the excellent standard of expertise, equipment, food and accommodation. In order to secure our booking with Little Canada, we require a **£50.00** deposit from each attending child by no later than **Monday 4th July 2022**.

We ask that this payment and consent be made on Parent Pay. If you have no alternative but to pay by cash, please inform the office and you will be supplied with a Pay Point Barcode, which can be taken to your nearest Pay Point location. The closest to the school is at the One Stop on Old Palace Road. The school can no longer accept cash or cheque payments.

Please note that this **deposit is not refundable**, unless the visit has to be cancelled due to lack of support.



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Please be aware, that if we do not receive your deposit and confirmation of attendance by Monday 4th July 2022, your child will be unable to attend the trip. While we appreciate that this request is far in advance of the trip, we repeatedly find ourselves with disappointed parents and children having missed the deadline, and after the figures have been confirmed with PGL they are not possible to amend.

As a result of feedback from other residential trips, we would like to clarify the situation regarding deposits. The deposit payment date is set to meet the deposit deadline imposed by PGL. The date is not negotiable. **The Governors have decided that we need 75% of the year group to commit to the trip in order for it to go ahead. Based on the current number of children in the year group (90) we will require consent and deposit payments from 68 children for the trip to proceed. If we do not receive the required number by Monday 4th July 2022, the trip will not go ahead.**

***Please be aware that we have to strictly adhere to this condition and may have to cancel the booking and return deposits. These conditions are carefully considered in the best interests of children and families and while it may be frustrating for those who are able to attend, we ask that you support any outcome.**

As always, payment will be arranged in manageable instalments over the next 10 months, and once the trip is confirmed, a payment schedule will be sent out to you. Final details of the trip will be discussed at a meeting with parents and children nearer the time.

We understand that the current year 5 cohort has missed out on residential trips due to Covid and that there may be concern for spending 5 days away. To this end, we would like to invite you and your children to a meeting at the school where we can explain to you in more detail what the trip entails. This will be held this Wednesday (29th June) in the school hall at 3.20pm. We appreciate that this is short notice, but given the deposit date (in order to secure our place at PGL), we have no alternative.

If your child will not be going on the trip, it is important that you confirm this by following this link to opt out:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk>

Code: rtrch

Please do not be confused by the word 'booking' on School Interviews. By completing this form, you are **NOT** booking a place for your child, but are actively opting out of the trip. This will ensure that we know not to follow up for deposits and instalments.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Davies and the Year 6 Team