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Dear Parents/Carers,

9th January 2023

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO IRONBRIDGE, TELFORD – MARCH 2024 (CURRENT YEAR 3s)

Payment information and meeting with Miss Walton at 3.30pm next week Tuesday 17th January 2023

We are delighted to be able to write to you with details of our Year 4 residential for 2024. From **Monday 18th to Thursday 21st March 2024**, a group of Year 4 pupils, supervised by members of QE staff, will stay at Ironbridge, Coalport Youth Hostel, a YHA site in Telford, Shropshire (sole occupancy).

The Ironbridge residential is a wonderful trip. It has been a long standing favourite of both QE pupils and staff over many years, perfectly supporting their Year 4 Victorian topic by engaging the children in many exciting experiences and activities. The children make several visits to Blists Hill Victorian Village, where they enjoy experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian school child and have the opportunity to visit old fashioned shops (the highlight being of course, a visit to the Victorian sweet shop), where they can exchange their pocket money for the currency of the time to buy a few treats. Other activities include, brick making, tile making, candle dipping, Enginuity, mine experience and fascinating museum visits.

We would like to invite our current Year 3 parents to a meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm in the school hall, where we will explain more about the trip. Please feel free to bring your children along as well. We have found in the past that at this early stage, Year 3 children may feel a little hesitant about going on a residential trip but as time progresses they feel more confident and it is a shame for them to miss it. We feel that by attending this meeting, we can hopefully address any concerns.

We have included the following links to give you a comprehensive overview in the meantime and for those unable to attend the meeting with Miss Walton next week Tuesday 17th January:

https://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/yha-ironbridge-coalport?utm_source=google&utm_medium=maps&utm_campaign=google-places

<https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/blists-hill-victorian-town/>

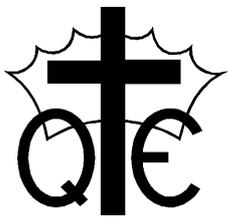
<https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/enginuity/>

<https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/jackfield-tile-museum/>

<https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/museum-of-the-gorge/>

<https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/explore/the-iron-bridge-tollhouse/>

<https://www.yha.org.uk/experience/blist-hill-victorian-village>



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The **estimated** cost of the trip is £230.00. Whilst the final cost may be slightly reduced, it should not be any higher. Once we have received deposits, we will write out again confirming your child's place on the trip and the final balance due. This sum includes all transport, accommodation, catering and activity costs. While we appreciate that it is far advance of the trip date, in order to secure our booking with YHA, we require a **£50.00 non-refundable** deposit from each attending child by no later than **Friday 27th January 2023.**

We ask that this payment and consent be made on Parent Pay.

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

Unfortunately, if we do not receive your deposit and confirmation of attendance by Friday 27th January 2023, your child will be unable to attend the trip. Furthermore, we repeatedly find ourselves with disappointed parents and children having missed the deadline, and after the figures have been confirmed with YHA, 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 YHA Coalport. The date is not negotiable. In order for the trip to go ahead, we need 75% of the year group to commit to the trip. Based on the current number of children in the year group (79) we will require consent and deposit payments from 59 children for the trip to proceed. **If we do not receive the required number by Friday 27th January 2023, the trip will not go ahead.** As always, payment will be arranged in manageable instalments, and once the trip is confirmed, a payment schedule will be sent out to you. Full details of the trip will be discussed at a meeting with parents and children nearer the time.

****IMPORTANT**** 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: r9ppe

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 Curtin and the Year 4 Team