

## **Little Hill Primary School**

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 6 Norfolk Residential Trip - Interest

Excellent news! I have managed to secure a booking for the next Year 6 cohort, the current Year 5s, to go on a coastal residential trip.

It will take place at Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre which is approximately 5 miles away from Cromer, in Norfolk. Being as it is on the coast, it will allow a range of activities such as exploring the coast line, rock pooling, visiting the seals at Blakeney Point and learning about the history of a contrasting location. As well as this, the centre is situated next to Felbrigg National Trust Estate which allows for a range of exploration activities too. Our current Year 6 classes had an amazing time this year and were able to further develop many skills including their independence, confidence and friendships. We will also be covering a large section of the geography, PE and PSHE curriculum whilst there.

The dates are as follows: leave school on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.** The total cost, depending on numbers, will be **approximately £327.78** (tbc once final numbers are known).

It may seem a little strange going on a residential trip which returns over a weekend, however, there are 3 main reasons for this:

- 1. The availability at the residential centre is limited and is extremely popular it also has to coincide with our term times and bank holidays.
- 2. The cost is far cheaper for you at this time of year. It is cheaper still to go over a weekend.
- 3. We like to stay for 4 nights in order to maximise our time allowing us to complete as many activities as possible.

In order to finalise the number of children we will be taking, we require a £40.00 non-refundable deposit (£20.00 for Pupil Premium children) to be paid by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

Once final numbers are confirmed, a second deposit of £40.00 (£20.00 for Pupil Premium children) will be required by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

The easiest way to confirm and pay for a place is through your MCAS app. Alternatively, you can pay in cash/cheque by returning the consent form attached.

Government legislation, which makes it a requirement that contributions towards the cost of a trip must be voluntary, does not apply to board and lodging for residential trips, though the activities themselves do fall within the legislation. In reality, if any parent opts for their child to go, but decides against contributing, the trip would have to be cancelled, as we have no alternative source of funding. However, if you are a parent who is on a low income and may require financial support, you may speak to me or Mrs Pankhania confidentially.

Yours sincerely

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01/05/24 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium) 03/06/24 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium)

01/07/24 - £47.78 (£23.89 for Pupil Premium)

Approximate Payment Schedule

25/10/23 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium)

01/12/23 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium)

01/02/24 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium)

01/03/24 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium)

01/04/24 - £40 (£20 for Pupil Premium)

Mr Sam Williams Deputy Headteacher



## Instructions to pay online

Online payments can now be made through the new parent portal MCAS (My Child At School) app. We are no longer using the School Gateway app for online payments.

MCAS is available via Web Browser (<u>www.mychildatschool.com</u>) and App (search for MyChildAtSchool in your usual app store – the App developer is Bromcom).

You can access the Norfolk Residential Deposit, in the Trip section of the MCAS app.

Provided we have an email address for you on our system **and** you are a first or second priority contact with parental responsibility for a child at the school, you should have received an invitation code so that you can activate your account. If you have not received an invitation code please contact the school office and we can set this up for you.







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Year 6 Norfolk Residential - Reply Slip Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

(This only needs completing if you are paying in cash/cheque)

Child's name:			Class 5BH / 5CT
	My child will be attending the Year 6 residential (£ enclosed).	40.00 deposit or £20.00	0 for pupil premium children
	My child will be attending the Year 6 residential (£ online).	40.00 deposit or £20.00	0 for pupil premium children paid
	My child will not be attending the Year 6 residential.		
Signed	·	Parent/Carer	Date: