

7th February 2022

Dear Year 6 Parents,

Yr. 6 Trip Options Summer Term

In the summer term we hope to be able to celebrate with our Year 6s some enjoyable experiences post SATs. Pre-Covid this would have taken the form of a residential weekend away at an activity centre. However for obvious reasons, this has not taken place in the last two years. Due to the uncertainty of COVID and the costs involved, this year we are seeking your input for the type of celebrations we do with the pupils in June/July.

Option A- Residential Trip

We have a booking pencilled in for a residential journey for this year to take place Friday 24th June- Monday 27th June at the Windmill Hill PGL Centre. For an idea of what PGL have to offer, please look at their website:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/windmill-hill>

The cost of the trip will be in the region of £330 per child. The final cost will be confirmed nearer to the trip and is dependent on having at least two volunteers/parents accompanying the trip who will have to have DBS clearance. If we do not get suitable offers for help, then the cost of the trip will rise as we will have to send further staff and cover their work at school.

COVID Implications- if your child has COVID and has to isolate at the time of the trip, then unfortunately they will not be able to go. In addition, if your child develops COVID during the weekend, then you will need to come and collect them.

Payments- if this option is chosen, then payments must be paid via SchoolComms and can be paid in instalments. All payments will need to be completed by the end of May.

We realise that this is a lot of money for everyone. If your family qualifies for free school meals or is eligible for certain state benefits, the school may be able to apply for a grant to aid with some of the costs. If this applies to your family, please let me know via a letter to the school office or come and speak with me.

Refunds- Once you have signed up for the trip, there is no opportunity to change your mind – you will be charged the full amount. Partial refunds for the trip can only be issued if there is medical confirmation your child cannot attend. If your child is unwell during the weekend, then unfortunately there will not be any refund available.

If not enough pupils' sign up for the trip, then unfortunately it will not be financially viable to go ahead.

Option B- Day Trips to Local Activity Centres

Instead of a residential trip, we can take the pupils out for some long day trips to local activity centres. Last year we took the Year 6s for a day trip to the Edge activity centre in Ware, which was very enjoyable. We have a couple of days pencilled in July for this centre and the Harlow outside activity centre as well. The costs of these are yet to be determined, but they will be cheaper than the residential, particularly if parents could drop off and pick up from these local places.

COVID Implications- If your child has COVID on the day of one of the trips, then unfortunately they will not be able to go. However, the day trips are not consecutive days so that we minimise the chances of a pupil missing out on both days.

Refunds- Once you have signed up for the day trip, then you will be charged the full amount prior to the trip. Unfortunately it is unlikely that you will get a refund as the trip will be calculated on the number of participants.

If not enough pupils' sign up for a day trip, then unfortunately it will not be financially viable to go ahead.

We have not discussed these options with the pupils as we want to get your steer as parents as to your preference due to the costs and risks involved due to COVID. I am happy to meet this Wednesday 9th February at 16.00 via Zoom to go through any questions you may have:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84843036571?pwd=TEcwQ1VRcnpMelhEdGU2YTdCUWxadz09>

Meeting ID: 848 4303 6571

Passcode: 271918

Please complete the following short google form to let us know what your preference is – Option A or B **by Tuesday 22nd February**. The form can be found when you click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/qUQwC2ubzSc9BCZJ7>

Kind regards

Peter Coldwell

Headteacher