



*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

23 January 2025

Dear Parents /Carers

Y6 Residential Trip – Summer 2026 Parent Consultation

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Willen Lake and PGL meeting last week.

For those of you who were unable to attend, I shared some details regarding the Year 6 residential, explaining why we go and the range of benefits it offers your children. *(Please see attached for further details about the trip).*

For many years we have attended PGL Osmington Bay in Weymouth, Dorset, from Mon – Friday in June; ie 5 days / 4 nights.

At the meeting I also shared that as a school we really value the benefits this trip brings our pupils and would be very disappointed if we had to remove it as a Year 6 trip. Sadly, we are aware that the cost is making it a challenge to continue to offer this trip.

In order to help parents/carers with the cost of the trip, for the past few years, the school has paid £2,000 to subsidise it and we have also asked parents to fundraise a further £1,000 towards the cost of the trip. However, even after the subsidy and fundraising, the costs to parents continue to increase.

Following feedback from the parents of the present and previous Year 6 children, we do not feel it is fair to continue to ask the parents to fundraise going forward as the responsibility falls on a few parents and the overall change in cost per person is minimal in the scheme of things. However, we do expect that the school will still be able to subsidise the trip by £2,000.

Using the current year's trip costs as an estimate, the cost to parents, after the school's subsidy, would be £590 per child. Assuming an inflationary increase, the trip next year could be in the region of £630 per child.

We appreciate this is a significant cost to parents/carers, therefore we wanted to consult you regarding your thoughts about this and other potential options.

Please see here for a link to a form we would like you to complete to understand your preferences for a residential trip next year: <https://forms.office.com/e/CvYERxBTUV>



The options included in the form are as follows:

Option 1: The 2026 trip goes ahead to PGL Osmington Bay as in previous years for 5 days / 4 nights. This gives 14 activities and 4 evening activities. Estimated cost in the region of £590 - £630. If you opt for this option then you are agreeing in principle that you would be willing to pay the estimated cost for the trip.

Option 2: The 2026 trip is adjusted to a shorter 3-day trip to Osmington Bay from Mon – Weds ie 3 days / 2 nights. This would give 8 activities and 2 evening activities. Estimated cost in the region of £333-£350. If you opt for this option then you are agreeing in principle that you would be willing to pay the estimated cost for the trip.

Option 3: We investigate the possibility of a new site.

Option 4: We go locally. This would save on coach costs but is unlikely to give the quality and range of opportunities that we currently have at PGL Osmington Bay.

Option 5: We do not do a trip.

Please could you complete the form by **Friday 31 January** confirming your preference for a residential trip next year. Please also indicate on the form if you expect you may need to request financial support for the cost from the school if a trip does go ahead. We will then review the responses and decide on the next steps based on the responses.

Please note that we have always, and will continue, to support the parents of pupil premium children who are unable to pay the requested cost of the trip, in consultation with the headteacher.

It is really important that all Year 5 parents respond to this consultation

If there is not enough interest in a residential trip, or a significant number of families need support with the costs, then the trip will not be financially viable and so will be unable to go ahead.

If a residential trip is viable, then we will write to you as soon as it is booked about payment options including an option to pay in monthly instalments (starting straight away) to spread the burden of the expense. Please note that we would need a non-refundable deposit to secure the trip, this is usually required in July.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

