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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Y4 Stibbington Residential February – March 2019

After six very successful years we are once again able to offer an exciting opportunity for up to 68 of our Year 4 children to spend a 3 day, 2 night residential experience at the **Stibbington Environmental Centre**, which is located just north of Peterborough.

#### Background

The Stibbington Environmental Centre is run by Cambridgeshire County Council and has been a successful centre for many years. For more information on the centre try visiting their website: <http://www.cees.org.uk/>

#### Why would we go?

Going away on a residential visit gives the children an ideal opportunity to experience a number of new activities, working and living together and being away from home, probably for the first time, in a secure and safe environment. The timing of 3 days and 2 nights gives the children just enough time to thoroughly enjoy themselves but not to be away for too long. We understand that some parents will be concerned about the age of their children going away from home, but speaking from experience, once the children are busy with activities they forget about being away and just have fun. A two night residential in Year 4 will also prepare the children well for the Year 6 residential which is five days and four nights.

#### Dates:

There will be two identical trips, each containing a mixture of children from the 3 classes.

**Trip 1: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Trip 2: Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**

We shall depart from school approx. 9.15am and arrive back at school by 2.50pm.

#### Staffing

Our residential is run by 4 members of our school staff, two teachers and two teaching assistants. Whilst at the centre we will be led by the Stibbington Centre teachers during the day time with Hampton teachers in support. All centre staff are first aid trained.

#### Programme

The children will be undertaking a series of activities linked to their Year 4 studies. This will include:

- Welcome and orientation of the centre and its facilities.
- A visit to a local private nature reserve, combined with developing their skills using maps and co-ordinates.
- A whole day being a Roman– which links to our topic from the Spring term.
- Investigating the village and research into the local area.

#### Parents Meeting

There will be meeting for parents on **Tuesday 8th January, at 6pm** to discuss the fine detail of the residential.



Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia tego listu prosimy skontaktować się z jednym z pracowników sekretariatu.

If you need this letter translating please contact the office staff.



## Medical

As with any residential all medical conditions and dietary requirements will be catered for and appropriate discussions with parents/carers will take place prior to the visit.

## Centre Facilities

The centre is centrally heated, with good washing facilities. Bedrooms are in 3's and 4's along a central corridor and the school would have exclusive use of the residential building. All meals are taken within the centres dining room. A typical menu would look like this:

### Breakfast:

Cooked Breakfast  
Cereal / Toast

### Lunch:

Choice of 3 sandwiches  
Fruit  
Homemade Cake  
Vegetable Sticks

### Evening Meal:

Full hot evening meal cooked on the premises, with pudding

## Pocket Money

The centre operates a small souvenir shop which sells a variety of mementos **£5 pocket money for each child is included in the total price**, unless your child would like to purchase a T-Shirt, which are available at an **extra cost of £5**.

## Cost

The total cost per child will be **£124.50**, this will include:

Accommodation

Food

Transport

All Activities

Insurance

Bursaries of £30 are available for those who are eligible. Please discuss with us if you are unsure or have any concerns regarding the costing.

## Bedrooms and Visits

The children will be assigned to one of the visits in time for our January meeting. The classes will be mixed up to provide opportunities for new friends to be made. If there are any circumstances we need to know about e.g. dance exam, sporting event which your child cannot miss, please inform Mrs Pink once places have been confirmed. **ALL** the children will have at least one of their best friends as part of their bedroom group. If there are any **SIGNIFICANT** relationship difficulties that we need to be aware of then again, please inform Mrs Pink once places have been confirmed.

## Deposits

Unfortunately, **places are limited** and **£25** deposits for the residential will be taken on a **'first come first served'** basis. To give all parents time to decide whether they would like their child to be part of the residential and to organise personal finance arrangements. **Deposits must be paid on ParentPay** from 8am on **Wednesday 10th October**. Places will be confirmed by letter as quickly as possible after the initial deposits have been paid. If you have any problems using ParentPay please see Mrs Mckensie, in the school office.

If you have any queries about the visit, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Pink or Mr Lyons.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Tracy Pink  
Year 4 Teacher  
Stibbington Co-ordinator