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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 6 residential visit to River Dart Country Park

We are delighted to inform you that we are once again able to begin planning a residential visit for the pupils who will be in Year 6 during the next academic year (2024-25). We know that the residential is a highlight of many pupils' time at William Harding School and that it is an excellent opportunity for them to develop independence and resilience as they prepare for their first year of secondary school. The visit will take place from **Monday 21st October 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024** and will include a total of four nights overnight stay with all meals and accommodation provided.

We have decided, based on feedback from parents and pupils and on availability, to return to the ever-popular River Dart Country Park. The trip and all activities will be run by CRS Adventures, as in previous years. The site is large enough to accommodate all of our Year 6 pupils and staff and we will have sole-occupancy of the accommodation building.

Children will participate in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities throughout the week, enabling the school to enhance the children's access to and experience with outdoor and adventurous education. There is also a strong emphasis throughout the week on encouraging the children to develop their skills of independence, self-reliance and teamwork.

CRS Adventures Limited is a well-established company in this industry who are recognised for the high standards they set for health, safety and staff training. The company is used by many local schools on an annual basis. The trip will be planned within the strict guidelines of The Local Authority Educational Visits Policy.

Thank you to all of you who came to the River Dart talk with myself, Mr Dawson and Mr Rayner – it was great to see such a large attendance. As mentioned in the meeting, we will be arranging a meeting with Roger from CRS Adventures to provide you with additional information, help you decide whether you wish your child to take part and to be able to ask him any questions you wish to.

The total cost of the trip depends on the numbers of children who attend, however this is likely to be in the region of £460. The cost of board and lodging will be £230 per pupil and the cost of activities will be £200 per pupil, plus the costs of the coach which will depend on numbers. We will confirm the exact cost once numbers are known.

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Parents/carers of children in receipt of means tested benefit may be eligible for support from the school or from the William Harding Trust. Where this is the case, please speak to Mrs Smith (Finance Administrator) in the school office for further information and she will happily help. Many families have been able to receive support for this trip so please speak to Mrs Smith if you have any queries or wish to apply.

In order that we can ascertain whether it will be possible to run the trip and pay the deposit, we need to ask for the cost of the room and board (£230) to be paid by **Friday 3rd May 2024**. Payments should be made online, either in full or in instalments via the School Gateway.

The remaining payment will be due by **Friday 6th September 2024**. You may make payments either in full or in instalments via the School Gateway.

Kind regards,

Mr Irwin

Year 6 Year Leader

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