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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 4 residential trip - Woodrow

I am delighted to inform you that we are once again able to begin planning a residential visit for the pupils who are in Year 4 during this academic year (2022-23). We know that residential trips are a highlight of many pupils' time at William Harding and that it is an excellent opportunity for children to develop independence and resilience. The visit will take place from **Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th March 2023** and will include a total of two nights overnight stay with all meals, accommodation and activities provided.

Woodrow High House creates memorable experiences for more than 7000 young people every year. This includes schools, youth groups, charities, faith groups and many more. Woodrow High House is a beautiful, safe, and secure 17th century manor house. It is situated within 24 acres of grounds on the edge of the Chilterns, in Amersham. The centre is well-known for the high-level of pastoral support that they provide and for their ability to accommodate medical, religious, and dietary needs. We will be holding an information event for parents and children on **Monday 17th October** in the main hall at **5pm**.

The total cost of the trip depends on the number of children who attend. Last year the total cost was £175 and we expect the cost for this year to be around £199 due to price increases. We will confirm the exact cost once numbers are known. This cost includes accommodation, meals and food at the centre, activities and travel to and from by coach. We will be able to confirm the exact cost breakdown of the trip after the October half term.

In accordance with County guidance and the school's charging and remissions regulations, we are asking parents/carers (with, the exception of those in receipt of means tested benefit – see below) to make a payment for board and lodging, and a non-refundable voluntary contribution to cover the remaining costs of the visit, covering activities and travel.

Those parents or 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 notify Mrs. Smith in the school office who will respond in confidence.

Children are expected to attend when parental consent for the visit is given.

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In reality, the trip will go ahead if the contributions are received per pupil but will be cancelled if there is any shortfall. The school budget cannot afford to subsidise the trip as it would impact on other areas within school.

In order that we can ascertain whether it will be possible to run the trip in **March 2023** and pay the deposit, we need to ask for a deposit of **£40** to be sent in by **Friday, 11th November 2022**. Payments should be made online, either in full or in installments via the School Gateway from **Tuesday 1st November 2022**

Below is a payment schedule to help spread the cost. We do require all payments and the balance to be paid in **full** by the deadline of **Friday 24th February 2023** so that we can pay their final invoice.

Payment schedule, **on the first of each month**, except for the deposit:

November	£45 (Deposit) (1 st November)
December	£52
January	£52
February	£52 (the final installment may change once final costs are determined).

Kind regards,

Mrs Fulford-Foy

Assistant Headteacher Year 3 & 4

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