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20th January 2023

Dear parents and families,

Re: Year 6 residential visit to River Dart Country Park. Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October 2023

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 (2023-24). We have planned this visit in response to a large number of enquiries from parents. We know that the residential is a highlight of many pupils' time at William Harding 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 16th October 2023 to Friday 20th October 2023** and will include a total of four nights overnight stay with all meals and accommodation provided.

We will be continuing to work with the ever-popular River Dart Country Park for this years residential. 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, such as canoeing & kayaking, high ropes and caving, 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.

To help you decide whether you wish your child to take part, we have arranged a virtual meeting for parents on **Thursday 26th January at 4:30pm** when full details will be provided (but we can guarantee it will be a very busy and exhausting five days). The meeting will include a talk by Mr. Roger Sell from CRS Adventures; members of school staff will also be present.

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You are able to join the presentation lead by Roger Sell using the following link and will be via Zoom;

William Harding School is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: River Dart Meeting

Time: Jan 26, 2023 04:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88411836818?pwd=cDUrR2dkS1UvaVBCdHA1YXBKNWxNdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 1183 6818

Passcode: JFWw53

The run time of the zoom meeting room is only 40 minutes, but if you log out and then back in, you will be able to return to the meeting as Roger is due to be talking for a total of an hour. The presentation will provide you with further information and answer any questions that you may have. The presentation will also be available on the school website following the meeting.

The total cost of the trip depends on the numbers of children who attend, however this is likely to be in the region of £450. We will obviously confirm the exact cost once numbers are known.

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. The cost of board and lodging will be £225 per pupil and the cost of activities will be £195 per pupil, plus the costs of the coach which again will depend on numbers.

Parents/carers of children in receipt of means tested benefit may be eligible for support from the school or from the William Harding Foundation. 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.

In reality what this means is that 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 October 2023 and pay the deposit, we need to ask for the cost of the room and board (£225) to be paid by **19th May 2022**. Payments should be made online, either in full or in instalments via the School Gateway from **Friday 27th January 2023**.

The remaining payment will be due by **15th September 2023**. You may make payments either in full or in instalments via the School Gateway. We do, however, require payment in **full** by the deadline of **15th September 2023** so that we can pay their final invoice.

Yours Faithfully,

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Mr Stallwood, Mr Irwin, Mr Dawson, Miss Lang and Miss Galliot

Year 6 Team

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