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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Residential 2021 Monday 24th May – Friday 28th May

As you are all aware there is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding schools and the activities which they are allowed to engage with at present. You will also be aware that the 2020 residential to France was cancelled for last year's Year 6 cohort.

The Year 6 team are still very keen to see if we can take our current cohort away for a week as it is such a lovely way to finish off their time at Whitehill. France is clearly too much of a risk at present and we couldn't, even if wanted to, secure a booking at this time.

What we have done, however, is make a provisional booking for five days on the Isle of Wight at PGL's Little Canada activity centre. We have used this centre in the past and it is familiar to several members of our teaching team. As well as providing a range of adventurous activities there are many places to visit off site to ensure a fun and packed week.

Clearly, this booking is subject to the DfE changing their rules on overnight activities which currently can't happen.

At this time, we are simply looking for an indication from you that you would like us to continue with the booking and there are two stages to this.

Firstly, we need to have your confirmation that, if it runs, you would like your child to take part in this residential. To do this, we would ask for a £45 deposit to be paid via School Gateway by Friday 16th October at the latest. Unfortunately we will not be able to add any pupils to the trip after this date.

If we have enough pupils wanting to take part in this trip, this deposit would then become non-refundable. In other words, should the journey ultimately be cancelled by the DfE due to coronavirus restrictions, you would not get this deposit back. I accept this is a little frustrating but unfortunately, school insurance policies now will not cover any cancellations due to covid.

If we do not have enough pupils indicate their desire to go, we will cancel the booking now and you would get your £45 back.

The total cost for the trip will be in the region of £390, including the initial £45 deposit.

I apologise for length of this letter and of course, should you have any questions or want further clarification, please do not hesitate come and have a chat on the playground or email me at consult@whitehill.herts.sch.uk.

Please would you complete the slip below confirming whether or not you would like your child to take part if it goes ahead.

Thank you in advance.

Steve Mills

Year 6 Residential Trip – Please return before Friday 16th October

Child's name _____

Class _____

I would like my child to take part in the residential journey and have paid a deposit of £45 via School Gateway.

I would not like my child to take part.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

