

# Whitehill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Years 4, 5 and 6 Residential Visits – w/c 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Following on from the announcement at the beginning of the week, and of course, the various letters you will have been receiving from the year group teams, it is now almost certain our visits to both Overstrand and the Isle of Wight will be going ahead.

I am absolutely delighted we made the decision to retain our bookings as I feel the trips away for the pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be a perfect uplift given the events of the last 15 months.

A huge 'thank you' to the staff who are running each of the trips and getting everything ready for the pupils, including the distribution of over 120 blue hoodies earlier in the week.

In discussion with some parents a few years ago, we added some additional twitter accounts which are used solely during residential visits. It means there is a single feed for photos relating to a particular trip and also prevents our regular feed being clogged up with lots of photographs of a single year group.

Parents of pupils in these year groups may apply to follow the accounts and we will 'accept' you over the coming days. The accounts are as follows:



Year 4: [@whitehillsj4](https://twitter.com/whitehillsj4)

Year 5: [@whitehillsj5](https://twitter.com/whitehillsj5)

Year 6: [@whitehillsj6](https://twitter.com/whitehillsj6)



These accounts will also be used to communicate travel updates which will be particularly useful when the pupils are returning to prevent you having to wait around for too long before the coach returns.

### The Small Print!

It is important to remember that the staff will be busy ensuring that your children have a fantastic time when away and therefore the photographs are to give a flavour of the experience of the trips. Although they will try and ensure every pupil appears in a photo at some point, there are no guarantees. From experience of running residential myself, some pupils (and staff for that matter) actively hide when they see a camera.

It also needs to be noted that the 4G signal in and around Overstrand is not particularly reliable and therefore tweets may come through in batches rather than as a steady stream.



I will be in constant communication with all of the staff members on all three trips from base camp (school) and therefore if you have any specific questions whilst your child is away or if there is an emergency, please contact me via the school office during working hours. In a real emergency out of hours, please use 07976 204319 which I will monitor throughout the evening. Please do not attempt to contact the centres or staff directly yourselves.

Thank you again for all your support in making these opportunities happen and in support of the school in general.

Best wishes,



Steve Mills  
Headteacher

