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Dear Parents,

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### Re: Year 5 Residential Visit to Walesby Forest, North Nottinghamshire

I am delighted to inform you that we have again booked this year's residential at Walesby Forest. We are extremely happy with this venue, having visited the site over the past few years, and we believe it provides a fantastic range of activities and experiences for all children and we know that they all will have an incredible amount of fun! This residential trip is a real highlight of the year for our Year 5 children (as well as staff) and we would like as many of Year 5 to come as possible.

The residential will be a two-day, one-night trip and will take place on **Tuesday 18th June 2024, returning to school on Wednesday 19th June 2023**. At Walesby Forest, the children will be camping and taking part in Team building, assault course, climbing wall and archery.

As a school we strongly believe that all children should be given opportunities to create memories that will last them a lifetime. **Opportunities Bring Success!** In order to help parents, we have always kept the price of each residential as low as possible; every year we heavily subsidise trips with money from our school budget. Due to decreasing budgets in all schools and ever-increasing costs of venues, petrol/coach hire and food costs, this year we have had to slightly increase the contribution that we are asking from parents. However, the price is still considerably lower than the overwhelming majority of other schools.

We are asking parents to contribute £50 towards the cost of the visit (£40 for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals). This price includes the use of a marquee, tents and role mats, transport, evening meal, breakfast and lunch, drinks and snacks, archery, assault course, climbing wall and team building activities led by qualified instructors and supervision from Old Basford School's staff throughout the trip.

School will be subsidising this trip and we thank all parents for their continued support of the fantastic work that our Friends of Old Basford (FOBS) do. Their fundraising throughout this school year will continue to help us keep **all** residential and trip costs as low as possible, ensuring that all children have the opportunity to take part.

As we have to pay a full deposit for each of the children that we wish to take on this trip; we are asking parents to pay a non-refundable deposit of £20 (£10 for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals) to secure your child a place on the residential trip.

**Payments can only be made online via the Arbor App and the non-refundable deposit must be received by Thursday 30th November.**





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A packed lunch will be required to be sent from home (if you are eligible for Free School Meals a Ham or Cheese packed lunch can be ordered from school nearer the time)

Please pay the non-refundable deposit of £20.00 (£10.00 if in receipt of free school meals) on the **Arbor App** by Thursday 30th November

Go to your child's page on the **Arbor App** – scroll down to Activities and select Trips – select Walesby Forest – Click on Green tab 'Sign up (child's name) for trip. Make a payment by entering your card details, once paid the screen will show amount paid and the amount outstanding.

To help our families we are offering the option of paying the remaining non-refundable balance in three instalments as follows

£10.00 by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (£10.00 if in receipt of free school meals)

£10.00 by Thursday 29th February 2024 (£10.00 if in receipt of free school meals)

£10.00 by Saturday 30th March 2024 (£10.00 if in receipt of free school meals)

If you prefer to pay in full please put all the instalments in your basket on the **Arbor App** by Thursday 30th November

There will be a meeting held in the summer term to discuss any personal details and to provide you with further information. If we can help to support children who might find this opportunity a challenge, then please phone and discuss any problems with us.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team

