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Dear Parents and Carers of children currently in Year 5 moving to Year 6 Sept 2026,

NEXT YEAR'S Residential for Year 6 pupils: Monday 21st June – Wednesday 23rd June 2027

I am delighted to inform you that we have organised a two-night residential trip next year for our Year 6 pupils to the **PGL Dearne Valley Centre** who offer fantastic indoor and outdoor activity facilities surrounded by the beautiful countryside of South Yorkshire - **Monday 21st June – Wednesday 23rd June 2027**

I am aware that your child is currently in Year 5 and this residential trip will not be taking place until next year! This may seem a very long way off now, however, I wanted to inform you as soon as possible so that you could spread the cost of the visit over a longer period of time.

PGL is a well-known residential provider who state: 'a residential experience is a key milestone in any child's journey, and **we are proud** to have been recognised, by teachers, as the **best residential experience** at this year's School Travel Organiser Awards. This award reflects our passion and dedication for investing in adventure, setting new standards, and raising the bar for school residentials, now and for years to come'. This will be the seventh time we have taken our Year 6's to Dearne Valley Centre and every year, the children thoroughly enjoy every second and state that it was the highlight of their year

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 subsidise trips with money from our school budget to keep the price considerably lower than the overwhelming majority of other schools.

On 9th July the Year 6 team hosted a presentation about the residential. All children that come on our Year 6 residential always love it and come back with special OBS memories made and stories to tell. We would love to have as many of our current Year 5 parents and pupils come along.

We are kindly asking parents to contribute **£270** towards the cost of this visit (**£240** for families in receipt of free school meals).

For the cost, your child will receive:

- 2 nights' accommodation in modern dormitories with en-suite bathrooms
- twelve activities over the course of the 3 days lead by qualified instructors (activities that could be included are zip line, buggy building, archery, abseiling and climbing)
- 6 meals across the 3 days (dinner on the Monday; breakfast, lunch and dinner on the Tuesday and breakfast and lunch on the Wednesday)





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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.

As we have to pay a deposit, we are asking parents to pay a **non-refundable** deposit of **£40** (£30 for children in receipt of free school meals) to secure your child a place on the residential trip by **31st August 2026**. **Only deposits received by this date will guarantee a place on this trip. If you have not paid a deposit by 31st August 2026 then we cannot guarantee that your child will be able to come. Once deposits are made you are committing to a full booking and all payments will be required in the set time frame listed below, even if the child changes their mind about going**

Payments can only be made on the Arbor App and the deposit should be received by 31st August 2026, Child's profile - scroll down to Activities – select trips – Trips open to (name of child) - select Dearne Valley DEPOSIT Y5 to Y6 (in September Arbor will re-open for the remaining instalments) – press the tab Sign up (name of child) for Trip – make payment (enter the amount to be paid either full amount or instalment) Press Pay (Green Tab) then enter your card details (or choose apple pay) and press Pay (Green Tab)

To help our families, after paying the deposit we are offering the option of paying the remaining non-refundable balance in eight **non-refundable** instalments as follows:

£28.75 by 30th September 2026 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 30th October 2026 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 30th November 2026 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 31st December 2026 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 29th January 2027 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 26th February 2027 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 31st March 2027 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)
£28.75 by 30th April 2027 (£26.25 if in receipt of free school meals)

Or alternatively, after paying your deposit in July, you can pay the whole amount if you prefer. Payments must be made regularly to keep up with the monthly invoices from PGL.

I do hope that by giving you longer to make the payments, it helps to ease the cost by spreading it out over a longer period of time. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mr Harper
Year 5 & 6 Phase Lead

