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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 Residential 2024: Monday 16th September 2024– Friday 20th September 2024

We are very pleased to inform you of the initial details of the Y6 Residential for Hewish and West Wick campuses in September next year. We wanted, at this stage, to ascertain the level of interest in the possibility of this trip and whether parents are able to commit to the payment details below.

We have chosen to move our residential trip to the start of Y6 to allow both crews to build confidence and relationships that will set them up for the challenges of the year. We will be going to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits in Churchill. The centre has worked with hundreds of schools across the South West and beyond, providing brilliant experiences and opportunities to participate in physically and socially challenging activities that are impossible to provide in our school environment. As a school, we have enjoyed taking our Y6 crews there for a number of successful visits.

Mendip Outdoor Pursuits is a local activity centre set in its own grounds which boasts its own dry ski slope and tobogganing course. Most activities are on site but we may also visit Burrington Combe, and Hewish, for activities such as rock climbing and kayaking. These activities encourage leadership and personal development and the children benefit by becoming more self-reliant, responsible and will have heightened self-esteem and confidence. Other daytime activities that the children may take part in include: *tobogganing, frisbee golf, target sports, bushcraft, abseiling, orienteering and an assault course.*

Mendip Outdoor Pursuits provide excellent instruction and a high level of personal and pastoral care although the party will also obviously be under the care of staff from St Anne's Church Academy. The children will be kept busy with a full schedule of day time and evening activities. They are provided with 3 substantial meals a day which includes a continental style breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal. The state of the art kitchen provides hot, filling and nutritionally balanced meals. The cost for this will be **£360.00** which includes insurance, full board accommodation, all activities and specialist equipment. Due to the fact that we have secured a local provider, we have managed to keep the cost as low as possible and negated the need for use of a coach. Instead, we will be asking that all children are taken to, and collected from, the centre by parents and carers. Children will arrive at 1pm on the Monday having already had lunch. They will be collected on Friday at 1pm after their lunch at the centre.

To confirm your commitment to the payment plan below and register your child's interest on the camp please complete the attached registration form via this link by Monday 9th October:

<https://forms.gle/pBwuv28XnYwUjsUk7>

Once we have received all the responses we can make a decision by Thursday 12th October on whether the trip is viable. If we have sufficient numbers the payment plan set out by Mendip Outdoor Pursuits will be as follows with the first part of **the deposit due by 1st November:**

1st November – deposit of £36.00 to secure your child's place (This is non-returnable)

5th January 2024 – payment of £72.00 required

17th June 2024 – final balance of £252.00 is due

Once the initial deposit has been paid, please continue to "chip" away at the total with minimum payments of £10.00; it is very important that all money is paid for the camp by **dates above**. We appreciate the timing of the payments are not ideal, these are set by Mendip Outdoor Pursuits and not the school.

If you feel you are unable to make any contribution due to financial difficulties please discuss this with Mrs Hardy-Smith. A copy of the school Charging and Remissions Policy is available on request and is on the school's website. If you need any help with your Parentpay login, please contact the school office.

We do hope as many as possible will take this opportunity as the children will have a fantastic time. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

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Year Six Teaching Team