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Dear Parents and Carers of a Year 5 or 6 Pupil

### **Spring Camp Tan Troed (May 24-28, 2021)**

#### **The Value of Residential Trips**

As a school, we have always considered of great value the experiences we give children on our year 5 and 6 residential trips. Through these trips, children are given opportunities to grow in independence, learn new skills and cement friendships. Many of our school leavers cite the residential trip as the highlight of their time at the school.

#### **Trips this Academic Year**

Due to the pandemic, the government has halted all overnight trips for children and the year 5 autumn trip to Kilve was cancelled. We have been looking at ways in which we can offer both year 5 and 6 children a chance to experience a residential trip during this academic year at a reasonable cost to yourselves. Your responses to the survey we carried out last term indicate that there would be enough interest to go ahead with a plan to take Year 6 to Tan Troed (in Wales) for the week of May 24-28 and for year 5 to join them for half the week. This would be the most cost-effective option for both classes.

#### **Tan Troed**

If you are not familiar with the venue, please follow the link below for more details:

<https://www.acornadventure.co.uk/adventure-centres/uk/brecon-beacons-wales-camping-and-glamping>.

Our two classes would share a camping area on the site and would be involved in a number of different activities, spending some of the time together and some of the time apart. For year 5, we would do our very best to make sure the trip replicates some of the Kilve activities and these, as far as possible, would not be replicated in year 6.

We would ensure that all relevant Covid-19 restrictions and risk assessments were in place from both the trip provider and ourselves. Permission for all residential trips has to be given by the local authority and this includes approval of all risk assessments.

#### **The Money Situation**

Residential trips need to be planned and a deposit paid by the school at least a year in advance, so we have already made a financial commitment to the May trip, which the school cannot reclaim if we chose to cancel it. If, in May, there is still a government restriction on school residential trips and the venue has to cancel the trip, we would be refunded the deposit and any money you had paid would also be refunded. It is therefore in the school's interest to find a way of planning for the trip to go ahead.

***"Together in Christ"***

### The Provisional Plan

The provisional plan is that both classes would travel to Wales together on Monday 24 May, with Year 5 returning to school by Wednesday afternoon. Year 6 would then have an extra two days and return to school by Friday afternoon.

### Costs

The total cost for the trips would be:

Year 5: £130

Year 6: £280

In order for these trips to go ahead, we need you to make a commitment to your child attending in the form of a deposit of £25 by Friday 27 November. This can be paid through ParentPay. We would also then be looking for further payments as set out below:

	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>
<b>Deposit</b>	26/11/2020	25	25
<b>Installment One</b>	21/01/2021	55	130
<b>Installment Two</b>	08/03/2021	50	125
	<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>280</b>

### Year 5 Parents

Many Year 5 parents have already made payments for the previously planned trip to Kilve. Please can you email the office to confirm how you would like to proceed;

- 1) Transfer payments to the Tan Troed trip - we will retain your payments for the Y5 camp.
- 2) Refund your payments for Kilve – your child will not attend the Tan Troed trip and we will refund you via a bacs payment.

It is important to understand that we cannot refund any payments made by you if you chose to pull out of the trip at a later date but the trip itself goes ahead.

We will talk to you again at the end of November when we have a better idea of the numbers wishing to go ahead with the proposed trip and our next steps. This is a complex and unusual situation, so please do not hesitate to email the office with any further questions and concerns.

Best Wishes

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