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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Year Five Residential Experience – Parent Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce the Year Five Residential for this academic year.

This year's residential trip will be to Braggers Wood Scouting site in the New Forest.

We will be travelling to Braggers Wood by minibus, approximately an hour and a half away – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (start of school day) to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (end of school day).

I will be hosting a presentation on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 3.35pm in Topaz class, if you are unable to join us then the presentation will be on our website <https://abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk/learning/residential-trips/> in the days following this meeting. If you have any questions please do just ask.

Last years' trip to the New Forest was great fun and full of memorable experiences for all the children; please see below for details of this 3 day, 2 night residential experience.

The cost will be **£120** and this includes:

- ◆ 2 nights full board accommodation, including meals, drinks, etc.
- ◆ Minibus travel
- ◆ A great range of adventurous activities
- ◆ Evening entertainment

Pupils will need to bring bedding - a sleeping bag, under sheet and pillow.

Activities will include:

Gladiator Challenge



Pedal Go Karts



Frisbee Golf



Orienteering



Winchester Science Museum



Traverse Wall



Camp fire



Archery



Wide Games



Braggers Wood is a well-established residential site catering for schools and children’s groups. It is a Scouting site (hence a very good midweek rate). We will be self-catering, something we as a school are used to doing on residential as it helps to keep costs reasonable for parents. Breakfast will be cereals, toast and juice. Pupils will make their own packed lunches and I will discuss with the children, before we go away, what kinds of food they would like for dinner. Staff hold food hygiene certificates and are used to catering for this number of people.

We will be sleeping in our own accommodation block with boys sharing bunk bedded rooms and girls sharing bunk bedded rooms. Boys and girls will not be allowed in each other’s rooms and will have separate toilets and showers. We will also have use of a hall and a fully equipped catering kitchen. School staff will be supervising children at all times and any outdoor adventurous activities will be supervised by qualified instructors. Staff have their own bedrooms that are spaced between the children’s rooms.

The Accommodation



The Site



The Site



The cost of this residential is based on all pupils attending and could alter very slightly depending on uptake (£10). Any child not attending will remain in Topaz class.

The payment deadlines will be:

- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - **£20** – Deposit (non-refundable)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 - **£70** – 2<sup>nd</sup> payment
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - **£70** – Final payment

You are welcome to make payments of any size and at any point along this timeline - as long as you fulfill the minimum amounts.

Please understand that, by signing up for the New Forest trip, you are agreeing to meet the payment deadlines set out above - the school cannot cover the cost of any missed payments and the deposit is non-refundable. If at any point you are struggling to make a payment please contact the office so they can discuss a way forward with you. If the trip is cancelled due to Covid restrictions you will receive a full refund, including your deposit.

We have access to a special fund for pupils that are in or have recently been in receipt of free school meals. If this applies to your child please do contact Mrs Greene to find out about the assistance we can provide towards these payment amounts.

Please enclose the deposit (cash or cheque – made payable to ‘Somerset County Council’); the consent and code of conduct reply slips in a **sealed envelope** (marked with your **child’s name** and the **trip/event name**) and have your child hand it into their class teacher by **6<sup>th</sup> December**.

We very much hope that your child will be able to come on this excellent trip.

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### **Code of Conduct for the Year 5 Residential May 2024**

It is usual for Abbas and Templecombe pupils to behave in a responsible and co-operative manner during school journeys. However, to avoid any misunderstandings, we think it is vital for both pupils and parents/carers to be aware of the behaviour we expect. We hope that parents/carers will discuss this Code of Conduct with their children so that they fully understand the implications before signing the agreement.

**For this reason no booking for a child will be accepted unless accompanied by a signed copy of the Code of Conduct Agreement.**

1. Pupils remain under the jurisdiction of the school throughout the two days away and must follow the instructions of the school staff, instructors and guides, at all times.
2. High standards of behaviour are expected at all times.
3. Pupils are expected to show care and consideration to all other members of the school party - no bullying / intimidating behaviour will be tolerated.
4. Instructions must be followed at all times.
5. Punctuality and politeness from pupils will be insisted upon at all times during the trip.
6. Pupils remain responsible for their belongings and valuables throughout the trip.
7. Pupils should never deliberately put themselves or others at risk; however, they must also know what to do in the event of an emergency and follow the given instructions for emergency procedures.
8. Pupils must remain with their group leader during any designated journey breaks. Whilst on visits they must remain in the groups in which they have been placed and ensure they arrive on time at all designated meeting places.
9. At the residential venue the pupils will be expected to maintain their room in a reasonable state and leave it in an acceptable condition.
10. Pupils will be expected to behave in a considerate way in the dining hall. They are also expected to eat the food provided without fuss.
11. Pupils are to remember that these visits are learning opportunities and they are expected to respond as they would in a classroom setting – good listening, responding to questions, etc.
12. A clearly stated “lights out” time will be given, after which silence will be insisted upon. It must be understood that staff must be able to trust pupils to behave appropriately in their rooms and follow the rules laid down. Pupils will not be allowed into the rooms of other pupils.
13. No pupil will be allowed out of the residential venue on his/her own. If free time is allowed students must follow the instructions of their group leaders for their own safety and the safety of others.
14. Any damage incurred by pupils will be the financial responsibility of parents.
15. No personal electronic devices are allowed without the express permission of the trip leader.

#### **In the event of a serious breach of the Code of Conduct:**

In an extreme case of misbehaviour, parents/carers will be contacted. If this results in a student being sent home, parents/carers will be required to collect their child from the residential site.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a pupil from the school journey at any time prior to departure if there is a serious breach of the code of conduct at school.

**Please return the attached form with the non-refundable deposit and booking slip**





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## Year 5 Residential - Consent Form

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED  
'NEW FOREST TRIP MAY 2024'**

I consent for my child to attend the Year 5 Residential 2024. I enclose the £20 deposit.  
(Cheques made payable to 'Somerset County Council')

Child Name .....

Parent Name .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Cash  Cheque

### Code of Conduct for the Year 5 Residential 2024

#### Agreement Form

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct for the Year 5 Residential 2024.

I acknowledge the need for sensible behaviour throughout the school trip and agree to abide by the rules.

Pupil signature .....

Parent signature ..... Date .....

### Residential – Permission for Use of Images/videos

During the residential staff take lots of photos of the children taking part in their activities. We would love to be able to share these with you and are therefore writing to ask your permission to share photos containing your child with other parents.

If you do not wish to provide consent you cannot receive any images and what we send out will not contain any photos of your child, meaning that in some group photos they will be deliberately blurred out.

**I give / do not give** *(delete as appropriate)* permission for photos and videos of my child to be used for the purpose of sharing images of their residential experiences.

Signed: ..... Date: .....