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Dear Parent/Carer,



We were bitterly disappointed that we were unable to hold our usual residential visit to Mersea for your child when they were in Y5. The current Covid restrictions still prevent residential visits from taking place, but we have taken the decision to plan for a Y6 residential experience that is more likely to be allowed to take



place in July 2021.

We have decided that our annual visit to the Isle of Wight is unlikely to happen. However, we have been able to secure an alternative visit which we believe stands the best chance of happening.

Therefore, we are delighted to share that we have been able to secure a booking for a week-long residential educational visit to the [Essex Outdoors](#) site on Mersea Island in the Summer Term 2021. This involves staying in tents for four nights and taking part in as many outdoor pursuit activities as we can such as mountain biking, archery, high ropes and caving. There is now also a watersports facility at this venue too. The planned date for this visit is the last full week of term - **Monday 12th to Friday 16th July 2021.**

The cost will be **£291** which includes food, accommodation (under canvas), all activities and travel to and from the centre. We require a £40 deposit from you by Friday 6th November 2020 in order to make an initial booking and the balance of £251 to be paid by Friday 30th April 2021. In the event that the visit cannot take place due to Covid restrictions, a full refund will be made.

Full payment can also be made any time if you would prefer. All payments must be made via ParentPay as no cash will be accepted at the school office. There is a subsidised payment for those pupils who have been previously or are currently in receipt of Free School meals and we will correspond individually with those particular parents.

There may be the opportunity for a few parents to assist the Mersea visit by supervising. If you are willing to commit to accompanying the children, please comment on Parentpay when you pay your deposit.

We are unable to host an information evening at school this year, however we will be holding a virtual presentation on **Wednesday 7th October at 7pm** via Microsoft Teams. This will involve a presentation as well as the opportunity to ask questions via the chat function. An invitation to this will be sent out separately. If you cannot make this event, the presentation and any key questions will be uploaded onto the Y6 section of our website.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

