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Dear Parent/Carer,



Despite the current challenges with Covid-19, we are delighted to share that we are still planning to take Year 5 on a residential educational visit to the [Essex Outdoors](https://www.essexoutdoors.co.uk) site on Mersea Island in the Summer Term 2021. This involves staying in tents for two nights and taking part in as many outdoor pursuit



activities as we can in three days, such as mountain biking, archery, high ropes and caving. The planned date for this trip is **Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th June 2021**.

The cost will be £144 (same as last year) which includes food, overnight stay, all activities and travel to and from the camp. We require a £40 deposit from you by Friday 6th November 2020 in order to make an initial booking and the balance of £104 to be paid by Friday 16th 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 Parent Pay 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 come along to the Mersea visit to assist in supervising. If you are interested in accompanying the children, please comment on Parent Pay 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 Y5 section of our website.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

