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Dear Parents/Carers in Year 5,

Residential Update

Y5 Wye Valley Residential - April 2020

Before the Easter break, we contacted Wye Valley to see if there were any later dates in the summer term or even early in the autumn term that we could consider. Unfortunately, the centre is fully booked and the residential will need to be cancelled. We have obtained a full refund from Wye Valley and Havering Coaches which has been credited to your Squid account.

Y6 Danbury Residential - June 2021

We have made a provisional booking for the Year 6 Danbury residential from Tuesday 29th June 2021 to Friday 2nd July 2021. The full cost of the residential is £250.00. We have visited Danbury for the last six years and enjoyed fantastic residential which gives the children (and staff) many amazing memories and represents good value for money.

Proposed Itinerary

We will leave school at 9.30am on Tuesday 29th June and arrive back at school around 2.30pm on Friday 2nd July. The children will spend three nights away from home and will enjoy four full action-packed days at the Centre. We will travel there and back using Havering coaches.

Proposed Activities

Activities will include a range of outdoor challenges such as archery, canoeing, problem solving, obstacle course, bush craft, mountain biking and high ropes. The exact activity timetable will be confirmed nearer the time but will include some of the activities above and other similar challenges. Children are encouraged to take part in every activity but are not compulsory.

Accommodation

We will stay in pods which contain bunk beds. The pods will be single-sex and the children will be with at least one friend of their choice. Benhurst staff will be in pods in the same enclosure. The pods are adjacent to a new toilet block (around 30 metres away) as well as a larger toilet and shower facility nearby.





Food and Drink

Aside from a packed lunch on the first morning, our stay will be fully catered. The children will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, and have access to fresh water and squash throughout the day. The menu is very child-friendly and any specific dietary requirements will be communicated with the catering staff. Your child will need to bring a refillable water bottle which they will take with them to each activity.

Evening Activities

Benhurst staff will provide evening activities for the children which will take place after dinner. We are keeping these a secret from you and the children!

Health and Safety

There is a First Aid centre onsite and a First Aider on call at all times. Parents will be provided with a medical and emergency contact form, which must be fully completed in order for the children to attend the trip (this is completed nearer the time). Any emergencies at home should be communicated to the school during school hours. For out of hours emergencies, parents can phone the school mobile which we will have during the residential.

The children take part in their activities in groups of 10 (or smaller) with one fully qualified instructor and a member of Benhurst staff per group.

Other Information

- The children are not permitted to take phones/tablets etc or any valuables with them.
- Inexpensive cameras are welcomed although remain the responsibility of the children.
- The children do not require any money for the trip.
- All medication must be given to the school on the day of departure.
- We will send updates via Twitter (@benhurstprimary) throughout our stay.
- Further information about Danbury Residential Centre can be found at - <https://www.essexoutdoors.com/danbury.php>

Meeting

Nearer the time, we will hold a meeting to discuss the residential in more detail and provide further information about key aspects (e.g. medical information).

Payment Plan (via Squid)

The total cost of the trip is £250.00. Please note, the Wye Valley refund can be used to pay the deposit.

Payment 1 (a non-refundable deposit)	By Friday 15 th May 2020	£150.00
Payment 2	By Friday 12 th February 2021	<u>£100.00</u>
		<u>£250.00</u>

Parents whose child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding and may require financial assistance should email me directly to discuss the cost of the residential - ddenchfield@benhurst.havering.sch.uk.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss any aspects of the Danbury residential in more detail.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Denchfield
Head Teacher