



September 2018

Dear Parents,

Historically the school has been able to offer Year 5 and Year 6 pupils the opportunity of a residential visit to a PGL centre towards the end of the summer term each year. We have maintained this throughout the school's expansion but, from 2019, this will no longer be possible. We will have 120 pupils across both year groups and the limited number of places available for the PGL visit would lead to many children being excluded from any planned visit.

With this in mind, we are creating a new residential tradition from the summer of 2019 onwards which will see Year 6 children returning to the Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre in the Forest of Dean. However, given the children have already visited the centre in Year 4, there will be distinct differences:

- The children will be camping at the centre using static tents rather than staying in the built accommodation.
- They will follow a completely different programme of activities from that of Year 4, some of these will take place away from the Viney Hill site and will be age-appropriate.
- The visit will take place during the week rather than the weekend with one class staying at the centre from Monday to Wednesday and the other from Wednesday to Friday. **The week we have booked for the visit is Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June** and we will let you know the exact date for each class early in 2019.

Classes will leave school on either Monday or Wednesday morning with a packed lunch and arrive at the centre in time for activities in the afternoon. The children will return to school after lunch on either Wednesday or Friday.

We are sure that all of the children would really enjoy this opportunity and benefit tremendously from the activities that the centre organises. All staff and children who visited the centre feel confident that the facilities and staffing are a high standard. The centre is licensed for Adventure Activities with the AALA. However, full approval from Birmingham Local Authority is also required to enable this visit to go ahead.

The cost per pupil is £165 (based on 25 children per group). This includes transport, insurance, 2 nights full board, lodging and all activities.

We would appreciate being able to collect deposits of £50 by **Thursday 25th October 2018** so that we can plan pupil numbers. The remaining amount will be due by Friday 3rd May 2019 and payments of any amount can be made at any time up to this point. Parents who claim Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £16,190 are entitled to a reduction for board and lodgings. If you would like to discuss this further, please see Mr Smith or Mrs Price.

We will be holding a meeting for parents on **Thursday 18th October 2018 at 3.30pm** where the director of the Viney Hill Centre will be present to give further information and answer any questions. However, if you would like to book a place for your child in advance of this, please complete and return the form below. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Smith
Head Teacher

Year 6 Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre 24 – 26 or 26 – 28 June 2019

I give permission for my child.....Class..... to go on the residential visit to Viney Hill Adventure Centre in June 2019 and enclose a £50 deposit.

SignedParent/Guardian

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