



The Firs

Lower School

Dear Parents/Carers,

29th September, 2017

Learning with Adventure in the Outdoors Residential Trip at Grafham Water Centre, Huntington

We invited you at the end of the last academic year to an informative evening regarding our annual residential trip for our year 4 children. Every year 4 child will have the exciting opportunity to experience a 3 day (2 nights) residential trip to Grafham Water Centre. This will take place on Wednesday 28th February – Friday 2nd March 2018. This will be the 11th year that we have taken our year 4 children on a residential trip and our 10th visit to Grafham Water Centre.

The residential trip will be led by a team of experienced, qualified and caring instructors, who will ensure that the correct risk assessments/safety procedures are followed, so that the children enjoy their activities safely. In addition, there will be school staff on duty twenty-four hours a day, to ensure the children are happy and that everything is running smoothly. The children will also be surrounded by their friends, which will no doubt, give them further confidence.

The year 4 group that took part in the trip last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came away with so many memorable experiences of their 3 days at the centre. We feel that the trip will enrich your child’s learning and equip them with new skills and therefore, we certainly feel that it warrants all the hard work that we have put into organising it.

The cost of the trip is **£165** which includes, coach with seatbelts, 2 nights’ accommodation including 3 cooked meals per day with 3 days of fun packed activities. You can choose to pay by instalments or pay in full. **All payments must be made via ParentPay.**

1st Instalment due by Friday 13th October	£27.00
2nd Instalment due by Friday 17th November	£27.00
3rd Instalment due by Friday 15th December	£27.00
4th Instalment due by Friday 12th January	£27.00
5th Instalment due by Friday 2nd February	£27.00
Final instalment due by Friday 23rd February	£30.00

‘Residential trips fall outside the provision made for educational outings and visits and schools can require payment from parents for attendance on residential trips. The school will assist parents who are in genuine financial difficulties and such cases will be rated on merit but all parents will be requested to make some financial contribution to the trip. If parents are unwilling to make a financial contribution the school may have to regretfully consider withdrawing attendance for that child’. This extract is from our Charging, Remissions and Lettings Policy.

Yours sincerely,

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