



The Firs

Lower School

Dear Parents/Carers,

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023

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

Our year 4 children have the exciting opportunity to experience a 3 day (2 nights) residential trip to Grafham Water Centre from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

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 site 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 cost of the trip will be £238.00 which includes, coach with seatbelts and 2 nights' accommodation. Children bring a packed lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> day but other than that, they enjoy cooked meals for the remainder of their stay and 3 days of fun packed activities. You can choose to pay by instalments or pay in full. Further details about payment options will be sent out in the next few days.

This will be considered a Residential Trip and therefore will fall outside the scope of the 1988 Education Reform Act and if a parent wishes for their child to take part in a residential trip, then the school can require payment for a child to attend.

The school is not in a position to subsidise this trip for pupils who wish to attend, so all parents, who would like their children to attend, will be required to pay. If a pupil is in receipt of pupil premium and in genuine financial difficulties however, please contact the school office or your teachers, such cases will be looked at individually, depending on individual family circumstances.

We are sure 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 Y4 children in previous years have all benefited from the experience and thoroughly enjoyed all the activities offered at Grafham.

We are holding a meeting about this Grafham trip on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm**. This meeting will give you the opportunity to hear more about the trip, see some short videos about the Centre and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you all then – please let us know if you are **unable** to make this meeting by emailing the school directly on [office@firslower.org](mailto:office@firslower.org).

Yours sincerely,

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