



Dear Parents / Carers,

July 2024

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

We invited you to this 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 26th March – Friday 28th March 2025. This will be the 16th year that we have taken our Year 4 children on a residential trip and our 15th 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, coming away with a new found confidence and so many memorable experiences and stories from their Grafham Adventure. We feel that the trip will enrich your child's learning, equip them with new skills, raise confidence and independence levels and create lifelong memories.

The cost of the trip will be **£258** which includes the coach with seatbelts, 2 nights' accommodation including 3 cooked meals per day and 3 days of fun packed activities.

A minimum, non-refundable, deposit of £58 (to secure your child's place on the trip) is to be paid by Monday 9th September 2024, via ParentPay, the remaining balance can be paid by instalments or paid in full. If the remaining balance of £200 is to be made in one lump sum at a later date, please inform us when you pay the deposit. Full and final payment for all attendees must be received no later than the last instalment date of Monday 3rd February 2025.

1st Instalment due by Monday 9th September 2024	£58.00 DEPOSIT
2nd Instalment due by Monday 7th October 2024	£40.00
3rd Instalment due by Monday 4th November 2024	£40.00
4th Instalment due by Monday 2nd December 2024	£40.00
5th Instalment due by Monday 6th January 2025	£40.00
6th instalment/full payment due by Monday 3rd February 2025	£40.00

This trip will run according to the statutory conditions for a 'residential visit' and therefore will fall outside the scope of the 1988 Education Reform Act. This means that if a parent wishes for their child to take part in the experience, 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, please contact the school office or your class teachers. Such cases will be addressed on merit, depending on individual family circumstances.

Children who do not attend this trip will be required to attend school as normal.

Yours sincerely,

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