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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 Camping Residential Trip

I am writing to let you know about the exciting residential trip that we would like to run for Year 5. The residential, which will be run and led by Mr Blake, is designed to encourage children to enjoy the outdoors, learn new skills, have fun and learn in a different learning environment. Mr Blake is a highly experienced outdoor leader, and has a lot of experience running camping trips through the scouts. We are keen to offer this trip in September this year, as the children had an amazing time on the trip this year, we think it will be a positive way to start the year and for the children to get to know their new classmates and teacher.

Each class will stay on a different night. Either **23rd September, 24th September or 25th September.**

Our plan is to take year 5 on an overnight stay at a local scout camp called Butchers Coppice, which is in Bear Cross. The children will be staying in tents and will undertake a number of activities over the course of the day. These include crate stacking, climbing, archery and shelter building. The activities are designed to be fun for the children but to also help build their confidence by trying new things whilst working cooperatively with each other. **The children will arrive to the site around 5:30pm, stay the night and be collected at 4:45pm the next day.**

The site is very secure for the children but will also give them a sense of freedom outdoors. Our evening meal will be sausage and chips from a local shop. Breakfast will be a selection of cereal, pastries and fruit. All dietary requirements will be catered for so if your child requires an alternative choice or has any food intolerances, please let their class teacher know. There are multiple clean toilet and washing facilities on site as well as a covered area for the children to undertake activities if the weather is not friendly to us.

The cost of the trip will be **£55** which includes all activities, an overnight stay with evening meal, breakfast the following morning and snacks. For those who do not wish to take part in the overnight visit, there is an option to take part in a day visit. We do hope that all children will take part in the residential visit.

To enable us to finalise numbers and book relevant accommodation, we ask that you return your reply slip and a **£5.00 non-refundable deposit** to the school office by **Monday 13th July**. Please be aware that the **balance** will be due by **Friday 12th September**. We can offer a payment plan should parents wish to spread the cost by paying on a weekly basis.



Mr Blake and the Year 5 teachers will be holding a parents' information meeting to discuss the arrangements for the trip and answer any questions you may have. This will take place on **Thursday 10th September at 5:00pm. This will be held virtually using a Google Meet video call.**

We know that the children will gain so much from this residential experience and hope they will be able to make the most of this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

S A Evans

Mrs S A Evans
Headteacher

Mr W Harvey-Sinclair
Year 5 Leader

Year 5 Fresh Air Residential Trip – September 2026

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

I would like my child to attend the residential trip to Butchers Coppice in September 2026	
I enclose a non-refundable £5.00 deposit for my child/I have paid £5 deposit online	
I agree to pay the full cost of the trip when requested.	
My child will not attend proposed trip to Butchers Coppice	
I would like to discuss with the class teacher regarding my child not staying overnight and just doing the day activities.	
I will attend the virtual information evening on 10 th September	

Please tick the appropriate boxes

Signed: _____ **(Parent/Carer) Date:** _____

