



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

### Year 6 Residential Trip to Bowles

Dear Parents/Carers,

As in previous years, Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in a residential week at the Bowles Outdoor Activity Centre. The visit to Bowles is an opportunity for the children to develop not only physical skills and academic ability but also to build social skills, awareness of others and is a chance to develop their independence before transferring to secondary education. The trip is a remarkable way to finish the children's time at primary school and creates memories that last a life time. The week will be from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. The centre is at Eridge Green, near Tunbridge Wells.

Bowles is a non-profit making organisation and unfortunately due to the rising costs of food and fuel they have had to increase their charges this year. Therefore the cost of the trip will be £409 per child.

The cost covers:

- 4 nights accommodation in dorm style facilities (approximately 6 children to a room)
- 4 cooked breakfasts, 4 hot lunches, 1 packed lunch (off site), 4 hot dinners
- Approximately 8 hours per day of instructor lead activities including: rock climbing, swimming, canoeing (in a pool), skiing x2 sessions, archery, team building, high and low ropes, a whole day canoeing, kayaking and raft building on a lake, zip wire and orienteering
- All necessary equipment for outdoor activities and bedding (children only need to provide basic day to day clothing, shoes and light-weight gloves and socks for skiing)
- Additional costs for snacks and other necessary supplies

Please note that the cost *does not* include transport to and from the facility. In order to reduce costs we ask that you to take and collect the children at either end of the week. Indeed, many parents have reported that this has been a positive experience for them and they appreciated the opportunity to see the environment for themselves. Please be reassured that if dropping off or collecting your child is a problem we can support you in organising a lift share.

To secure your child's place, please complete the attached form. A non-returnable deposit of £75.00 per pupil is required by the Bowles Centre and this should be forwarded to the school office by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**. Payment can be made via Scopay (our preferred method), or by cheque or cash given into the school office. If you pay by cash or cheque, you will be able to view your payment receipts on the Scopay system.

Please note that payments of any amount can be added to Scopay or paid in cash/cheque and if you prefer to pay weekly you are more than welcome to do so. If you wish to pay in installments you may make eight further monthly payments of £41.75 until June. The final payment is due by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. We are happy to create you a personalised payment card if it is helpful. We understand that this trip is costly and encourage you to pay what you can now rather than leaving it all until the last moment! Please speak with Mr Heyburn, Mrs Lewis or Mrs Woodward if you have any questions or concerns regarding payments.

There will be a Bowles information meeting nearer the trip on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6:00 pm** for parents. If you have any concerns or queries in the mean time please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me or get in touch via email.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Heyburn

Year 6 Leader

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## YEAR 6 BOWLES OUTDOOR CENTRE RESIDENTIAL TRIP



CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my child to take part in the school trip to the Bowles Centre** YES NO

If your child is going to take part in the trip please tick the appropriate boxes below:

I enclose my deposit of £75.00, which I understand is non-returnable, unless the visit is cancelled.

I have made an online payment of £75, which I understand is non-returnable, unless the visit is cancelled.

I wish to discuss a trip payment plan for my child.

***I would like a payment card in order to keep track of how much I have paid each week/month.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick as appropriate, and return this slip to the class teacher as soon as possible.

**FINAL DATE FOR REPLIES – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

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