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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SHUGBOROUGH OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

It has come to that time of the year when we write out to all of the Year 5 parents/carers, to introduce a fantastic opportunity for their child to attend an Outdoor Education Centre for 1 full week when they return, in September, as Year 6 pupils. We now find ourselves in an unprecedented and strange period in time. We are of the belief that this trip is a 'right of passage' for our pupils; it creates lasting memories of primary school and plays an important part in molding our youngsters into resilient and well rounded individuals. With this in mind we have decided that the Shugborough Residential Trip will go ahead as planned, subject to Government advice/restrictions, from Monday 7th September until Friday 11th September.

There are many recognised benefits to be gained from engaging in residential, outdoor learning visits. These include personal and social development, where independence, team work, confidence and self-esteem can be raised and strengthened through fun and challenging group activities, often in new and natural surroundings. Many of these benefits can be transferred back to the classroom and beyond where they can have real and lasting impact.

After a substantial contribution from the Academy, the **parental contribution is £150 per child**, which includes transport, meals, activities and accommodation. (Please note that the fee for children in receipt of pupil premium will be met the Academy. If you are eligible for free school meals and have not yet applied then please contact the school office.)

Whilst we would normally expect parents to pay for this trip upfront, we appreciate that the lockdown may have had a negative impact on our parent's finances; with this in mind we have made the decision to spread the cost out over several months in the new academic year, after the trip. If you would like your child to attend, we request a **non-refundable deposit of £30** to be paid by 1st September (by which time we will have received further advice from the Government & will know if the trip is allowed to go ahead as planned), then 4 further installments of £30 in October, November, December & January. (Payments will be placed on Parent Pay at a later date.)

To allow us to confirm accurate attendance over the coming weeks to finalise our booking, please e-mail the school office on office@bursley.staffs.sch.uk to confirm if your child will be attending or not by **Friday 29th May 2020**. If you or your child is unsure about attending, or you have any questions about the trip, please contact the Y5/6 teachers on Y56@bursley.staffs.sch.uk who will be able to assist you.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Yours sincerely

Mr J B Wilkinson
Principal