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Year 5 Bowles Residential: 7th – 9th March 2025

Dear parent/carer

We are pleased to advise you that Year 5 will be once again running a residential trip to Bowles Rocks Education Centre this academic school year. The trip will take place from Friday 7th March until Sunday 9th March, the children will attend school as usual on the Friday and travel from school at approximately 3pm and return to school on Sunday afternoon at approximately 5pm.

Bowles is a non-profit educational activity centre five miles south of Tunbridge Wells, which is used by many Surrey schools for their school trips. The weekend's activities for the children are many and varied, including dry slope skiing, orienteering, rock climbing and raft-building to name but a few. Taking part in activities, such as these, in a safe and secure environment has a positive effect on children's achievement in many areas of their lives.

All five schools from the Trust will be taking part in the same residential at different times, and as a result of working together in this venture we are pleased to be able to offer a competitive cost of £245 per child, which covers all meals, accommodation, activities, insurance and coach travel. Unfortunately, and with regret, should we not have sufficient families paying the full amount then we will have no choice but to cancel the trip.

In order to secure a place for your child we ask that you tick the online consent box on Scopay by **Friday 5th July 2024**. We appreciate this date is short notice and whilst ideally it would be best to make a deposit payment by this date, we are happy for this to be made by 31st July. By consenting to your child going on this trip you are agreeing to pay a non-refundable deposit of £100 which is still payable even if you cancel your child's place at a later date. If you have any difficulties making a payment by 31st July, please tick the consent box and email office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk regarding the payment.

The cost of the residential will be payable in instalments as detailed in the following payment plan. The payment can be made in full if you prefer and if the deposit payment needs to be a smaller amount this is of course not a problem, and as always, if the cost is a concern, please speak to the school office in confidence.

31 st July 2024	£25
30 th September 2024	£50
31 st October 2024	£50
30 th November 2024	£50
31 st January 2025	£50
28 th February 2025	£20



Once you have booked a place for your child, you are committed to the cost even if on the day your child cannot attend, irrespective of the circumstances, unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

Closer to the date of the trip there will be a meeting arranged for parents of children who are attending to confirm further details and answer any questions you may have.

We are very keen to do all that we can to enable all of our children to participate in the Residential. In planning the activities, we have tried to balance the children's social-emotional development, affordability, relevance to learning in curriculum areas and enjoyment. The children gain so much from being part of a whole group experience and will form treasured memories which remain long after school days are over. If there is any aspect of the trip that gives you or your child cause for concern, please speak to your class teacher.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Toms', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mr G Toms
KS2 Phase Leader