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21st April 2021

Year 5 Bowles Day visit 21st May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following our recent questionnaire, we are delighted to confirm that Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit Bowles Rocks Education Centre for a day visit on Friday 21st May 2021. 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 day's activities for the children are many and various, including dry slope skiing, orienteering and rock climbing 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.

To take advantage of the facilities that are available at Bowles, we have a full long day planned and will arrive at the centre for an early start of 8.30am when the children will receive breakfast. As well as all the activities, lunch and dinner are also included during the day and it will finish at 9.30pm when the children will depart to travel back to Park Avenue base.

We would very much like all of our Year 5 children to attend as they gain so much from being part of a whole group experience and will form treasured memories which remain long after school days are over. We can reassure you that Bowles has confirmed that the site is being managed in a Covid secure manner and the children will be in their Year 5 bubble of children and staff members. If there is any aspect of the trip that gives you or your child cause for concern, please speak to your class teacher.

The children will need to arrive at Park Avenue base at approx. 6.30am for the early departure and will travel by coach accompanied by Riverbridge staff. As mentioned above we will leave Bowles at approx. 9.30pm and hope to arrive back at school by 11pm. We will of course keep parents updated on the day of the timings.

The cost for the day visit is £95 per child, which covers all meals, 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 **9am on Monday 26th April 2021 together with a deposit of £10.** A payment plan is below for the remaining amount, as this trip is now available online you are able to make more regular payments if you wish or pay the amount in full if you prefer. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office should you wish to discuss a different payment plan to help with the payments.

30th April 2021 - £25

31st May 2021 - £30

30th June 2021 - £30

We have been advised by Bowles that an individual refund is available if students are unable to attend due to a positive covid-19 test, however medical evidence will be required. This will also be the case if there is a bubble closure due to Covid or there are changes in government Covid-19 guidance.

We hope the children will take advantage of this opportunity.

Kind regards,

Mr G Toms
Year 5 Lead

