

13th March 2023

Dear Year 5 Parents/Carers

Year 6 Residential Visit to YHA Adventure Okehampton, Devon, from 3rd to 7th June 2024

I am writing to confirm that next year's YHA Adventure Okehampton residential visit can go ahead, following an overwhelming response from parents, willing to pay an immediate deposit of £100 to secure their child's place.

The positive responses this year were higher than in any other year **but** there was also a lot more concern expressed about the cost and the pressure this puts on parents and families. I have listened to you all and felt that with such a high number of positive responses that a Year 6 Camp can take place. *However, I need to make you all aware that within the current educational financial climate the Academy is not in a financial position where we can meet additional costs for a residential trip.*

I am writing to give you the details of the residential visit which will take place for our current Year 5 children to Okehampton next year, when they are in Year 6. The visit will take place from **Monday 3**rd **to Friday 7**th **June 2024**.

The children will take part in a wide range of outdoor adventure activities which can be viewed via the following link <u>http://www.adventureokehampton.com/</u>

The party will be led by teachers assisted by support staff. The total cost of the visit is **£410.00** per child.

We need to pay a deposit in order to secure the YHA Adventure Okehampton booking. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure the **non-refundable** deposit of **£100.00** is paid on ParentPay **by 12 noon** on **Friday, 31**st **March 2023** (*this payment is now live on ParentPay*).

Further payments **must** be made by the following dates – <u>please ensure you make a note of these</u> <u>dates as no further reminders will be sent</u>. If payments are not received by each deadline (below) the Academy will regretfully assume your child is no longer attending this exciting adventure:

£50.00 by 31st May 2023 £50.00 by 31st July 2023 £50.00 by 30th September 2023 £50.00 by 30th November 2023 £50.00 by 31st January 2024 £60.00 to make the full payment by the deadline of 31st March 2024.

Please note that these six additional payments will not go live on ParenPay until 31.03.23

Please complete and return the reply slip attached **by Friday**, **31**st **March 2023**.

The school retains the following rights:

- to withdraw any pupil at any stage from the above visit if deemed necessary;
- to make changes to the above details subject to conditions;
- to cancel the visit should contributions not be forthcoming and sufficient funds are not received to meet the cost of the trip/activity.

Insurance

Brookside Academy only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the academy and its employees. Parents may wish to make their own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for their children.

Nearer the time, we will hold a meeting about the visit, where you will be able to ask any questions you may have and hear about the visit, first hand, from staff who have run the Okehampton visit in previous years.

Yours sincerely

Brian Walton

REPLY SLIP - Please complete and return to the Academy Office, **by Friday, 31st March 2023** - thank you.

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As parent/guardian of ______ Class: ______

- I confirm that I would like my child to attend the above residential visit.
- I agree to pay the *non-refundable* deposit of £100 by 12 noon on Friday, 31st March 2023.
- I agree to pay each instalment by the deadline stated and pay the final balance by 31st March 2024.
- I understand that no payment reminders will be sent and, if I miss a payment deadline, my child can no longer attend.

Parent/Carer's name: ______BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Parent/Carer's signature: _____