

13th February 2019

RE: Year 5 Field Study Course 8th – 10th May 2019

Dear Parent,

As you will be aware there is an opportunity for your child to take part in a field study course that we organise for the children in Year 5 each year. The three-day stay will be linked to the history and geography curriculum whilst developing the children's team building skills.



During their stay, the children will have the opportunity to discover how the Victorians quarried granite from Haytor. They will follow the stages of a river, look at the river cliffs and erosion at the meander and take measurements of depth width and flow rate. Using a key, the children will identify the invertebrates that live in freshwater environments. The children will take part in a woodland design project through a range of focused practical tasks where they develop techniques, skills, processes and knowledge which will lead onto a final 'grand design'. In the

evening the children will participate in creating music and storytelling in the Bronze Age round house. There will also be opportunities for the children to learn a range of ancient crafts, such as felt making and willow weaving.

The three days will be based at Heatree House, an activity centre on Dartmoor near Manaton. The centre is set in a beautiful location within its own grounds of several acres. A number of the school staff will be staying with the children during the visit. The house is well furnished and the children will stay in en-suite bedrooms.



The cost for the three days is £185. This includes all transport, activities, food and accommodation. If your child is entitled to free school meals, then a reduced price is available. A parents' evening will be held on **Monday 18th March at 7.00pm** to give you an opportunity to ask any questions, meet the staff going and see photographs of the activity centre.

If you would like your child to participate in this residential, please complete the online emergency contact details and consent form we will send to you tomorrow. You will see on the form that it asks about swimming ability. Please note that there are no swimming based activities on the trip however as some activities may be based near water it is useful to understand your child's swimming ability.

If your child is on any medication at the time they go on this residential, you will need to complete an 'Administration of Medicines' form to give us your consent to administer any required medication. We will also need to know any medicines you have given your child over the previous 24 hours. On

the day of departure, please bring the medication and both forms in a bag labelled with your child's name and give it to one of the members of staff going on the residential.

We will need full payment via WisePay by **Tuesday 30th April 2019**. **Please could you pay the deposit of £85 by Sunday 24th February**. Further instalments are then due on the 31st March 2019 (£50) and 30th April 2019 (£50). If you do not have your child's WisePay log in details, or need support using WisePay, please contact the admin team via admin@bcps.org.uk

If you have any other questions please do get in touch. I hope that your child thoroughly enjoys this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Bishop
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