

3rd July, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thornbridge Residential Visit 2018



For many years now we have been organising highly successful and enjoyable residential visits to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre for our Y6 children. We are planning to take the current **Y5 children to Thornbridge in the autumn term next academic year for 3 days and 2 nights.**

They will be going in their class groups during either: **November 7th – 9th, November 12th – 14th or November 14th – 16th.** **The dates for each class will depend on numbers of children going; we should be able to confirm the date for your child's class in September.**

Thornbridge have increased their costs this year, the new costs were released this week and **the cost for the entire residential will be approximately £120.** We cannot give exact prices at the moment; the cost could go up because of possible increase in coach, food or the number attending the visit, any difference in cost is likely to be small. We work hard to keep the cost as low as possible for parents and the value for money for the Thornbridge residential compares very favourably to other residential visits.

Costs

There is a compulsory charge for board and lodging which is **£50.50** for both nights. Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging:

- Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances
- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190 (financial year 2013/14)
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- An income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.

The rest of the cost for the residential visit is in the form of a voluntary contribution of **£69.50** and covers: transport to and from Thornbridge and to the activity sites, breakfasts, lunches (except day 1) and evening meals, hire of the equipment, use of facilities on site and the cost of specialised staff to lead the activities.

The cost of cover in school to allow staff to attend the residential will not be passed onto parents.

The cost of the residential cannot be funded without voluntary contributions, whilst no child will be excluded from the residential on the grounds of insufficient payment, the school would have to cancel the visit if insufficient funds are received.

We require payment via sQuid, of a £20.00 **non-refundable deposit** by Friday 7th September, 2018.

The remaining balance of £100.00 will need to be paid by Friday 19th October, 2018. You can, if you wish, pay the full amount before the above dates.

Last year the visit to Thornbridge is a great success and many children remember it as their favourite memory of Hunter's Bar. We feel it has a significant impact on children's self esteem, behaviour, social skills and in turn academic achievement and we hope that you and your child will be excited about the opportunity to take part.

A meeting will be held early on in the autumn term to give parents further information about the residential and to provide the opportunity to ask questions.

Kind regards,
Mr Watson and the Year 6 Team

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