

Monday 20th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 2022/23 YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY TO ESSEX OUTDOORS, MERSEA.

We are delighted that many of you are keen for your children to attend a residential School Journey to an outdoor pursuit center. We are glad to be able to confirm that a residential School Journey to Essex has been planned for the week **13th – 17th March 2023**. The venue is Essex Outdoors Mersea, Rewalls Lane, Colchester CO5 8SX. Please take a look at their website: <http://www.essexoutdoors.com/our-centres/mersea/>

It is the ideal venue in which we can build our own adventure programme including team-building activities; bush craft, survival skills and high adventure activities such as zip lining.

Children gain incredible skills from going on a residential school journey including independence, team building, and resilience, and have the opportunity to learn in an outdoor space.

As a school, we are mindful of the cost of visits for families, particularly when cost of living is higher, and have taken the decision to subsidise the travel costs as a school this year. This means that the total cost for the week is **£280 per child**. This total price includes the cost of accommodation, travel, all meals plus all of the fantastic activities and experiences.

If you wish your child to secure their place, please log into your Arbor account and confirm your child's space with an initial deposit of **£10** to be received by **Friday 7th October 2022**. If you would like to give the deposit later, you can also secure a place, by 7th October, through calling or coming to the school office.

As a school, we are keen for all Year 5 children to have this experience and are committed to working with families to make this possible, whether it be financially or because there is anxiety around a residential visit. Please come in and talk to us so we can make a plan together. You can discuss this with your child's class teacher or any member of the leadership team via email, phone or in person at the office.

The remaining balance of £270 can be paid by manageable installments on your Arbor account until **Friday 30th June 2023** as below. This is a suggestion and if you would like an alternative payment plan, please let us know. We have extended the payments beyond the visit date in March to give parents more time



	Amount	Due Date
Deposit to secure space	£10	Friday 7th October 2022
Monthly installment	£30	Friday 4th November 2022
Monthly installment	£30	Wednesday 30th November 2022
Monthly installment	£30	Wednesday 21st December 2022
Monthly installment	£30	Tuesday 31st January 2023
Monthly installment	£30	Tuesday 28th February 2023
Monthly installment	£30	Friday 31st March 2023
Monthly installment	£30	Friday 28th April 2023
Monthly installment	£30	Wednesday 31st May 2023
Monthly installment	£30	Friday 30th June 2023

Funding Grants

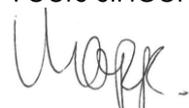
We appreciate that this price may seem daunting to some, and we have partnered with an organisation, The Tony Trust that provides funding for young people who want to experience a stay in an outdoor activity center. We have had great success with this in previous years.

Children will work with an adult at school to fill out the application form and with parents' permission will then send the form to The Tony Trust. Previously, each student has asked for a grant of up to half the cost of the trip. The Trustees then review these applications on an individual basis at their Trustees' meeting. The applicant is then informed of the trust's decision by email using email contact details supplied on the form. They will then also inform the school of the decision of each applicant, along with the amount of the grant offered.

If you are interested in applying for a grant or talking to the school about financial subsidies, please do come to the meeting below or get in touch with us. You can also email info@inspirewoodhill.co.uk

We will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday 27th September** at **3:20pm** in the bottom hall to talk to you and your child about the residential trip and answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Mapp
Assistant Headteacher