

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP, PGL, MARCHANTS HILL, HINDHEAD: 4th - 6th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carers

We regard it as an important part of our curriculum at Loddon Primary School to offer every child the opportunity to take part in residential visits. A residential field trip offers enormous potential for children's learning and social development as well as an opportunity to increase independence in a secure environment. Research indicates that participation in such trips has a positive effect on pupil attainment, individual self-esteem and relationships within the peer group.

Once again, in line with our enhanced programme of residential visits, your child is being offered a 3-day residential visit in October 2017. We aim to take every member of next year's Year 5 on the trip as we feel it is so beneficial to each individual child's development. If, for any reason you have the slightest reservation about your child going on the trip, please talk to their Classteacher.

Provided that the majority of families commit to the trip, we aim to visit Marchants Hill, Hindhead, which is a centre set in 45 acres of countryside. The adventure course and centre is run by PGL - a company renowned for providing action-packed residential courses with a proven safety record. The school's association with PGL also goes back more than a decade. The Hindhead venue, which is in Surrey, has been chosen because it is not too far away. This means transport costs are relatively low, and we hope that as a result no child will be prevented from taking part because of the cost of the trip.

For the visit to Marchants Hill, the total cost will be £209, which includes activities, transport, board and lodgings. We require an initial, non-refundable, deposit of £30 by 3rd November to secure the provisional booking that has been made, the balance being paid over following months. In the event of cancellation, refunds are not guaranteed but will be considered on an individual basis. All cheques should be made payable to Loddon Primary School, please. Please note that a further payment of £89.50 will be required by 24th March 2017 and the final £89.50 by 7th July 2017.

Section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002 permits the school to make a charge only for the board and lodgings costs for this visit unless you receive one of these benefits: income support, jobseeker's allowance (income based), child tax credit (but only when the recipient does not also receive working tax credit and has an annual income of less than £16,040), support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or disability working allowance. Should you receive one of these, you may not have to pay the board and lodgings charge and this can be checked after you complete and return the attached tear-off slip.

As the school does not have the funds to cover the costs of travel/admission charges, I must ask all parents to also make a voluntary contribution to cover these costs. Without this financial support, I regret that the visit will not be able to take place. In the event that insufficient numbers of parents/carers are willing to make voluntary contributions then the trip may be cancelled. We will



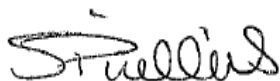
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write to inform you in early December should this be the case and all monies collected at that point would be returned you.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by completing the relevant section of the slip below and return to the school office by Friday 21st October 2016.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

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Year 5 PGL Residential Trip to Marchants Hill - 4th - 6th October 2017

Name of Pupil..... Class.....

Proposed Visit to.....

The total cost of the trip is £209.00 (consisting of £104.50 for board and lodging and £104.50 for travel and activities)

*I would/would not*like my child to go on the Residential Trip to PGL 4th - 6th October 2017

I am willing/not willing to pay in advance the board and lodgings charge of £104.50 for the above visit.

I am willing/not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £104.50 to cover the travel/activity costs involved.

I am/am not eligible for remission of the board and lodgings charge.

*Delete as appropriate.

Signed:.....Date.....



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