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25th March 2022

Dear parents and families,

Re: Year 6 residential visit to River Dart Country Park. October 2022

We are delighted to inform you that we are once again able to begin planning a residential visit for the pupils who will be in Year 6 during the next academic year (2022-23). We have planned this visit in response to a large number of enquiries from parents. We know that the residential is a highlight of many pupils' time at William Harding and that it is an excellent opportunity for them to develop independence and resilience as they prepare for their first year of secondary school. The visit will take place from **Monday 17th October 2022 to Friday 21st October 2022** and will include a total of four nights overnight stay with all meals and accommodation provided.

We have decided, based on feedback from parents and pupils and on availability, to return to the ever-popular River Dart Country Park. The trip and all activities will be run by CRS Adventures, as in previous years. The site is large enough to accommodate all of our Year 6 pupils and staff and we will have sole-occupancy of the accommodation building.

Children will participate in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities throughout the week, enabling the school to enhance the children's access to and experience with outdoor and adventurous education. There is also a strong emphasis throughout the week on encouraging the children to develop their skills of independence, self-reliance and teamwork.

CRS Adventures Limited is a well-established company in this industry who are recognised for the high standards they set for health, safety and staff training. The company is used by many local schools on an

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annual basis. The trip will be planned within the strict guidelines of The Local Authority Educational Visits Policy.

To help you decide whether you wish your child to take part, we have arranged a virtual meeting for parents on Tuesday 5th April at 4pm when full details will be provided (but we can guarantee it will be a very busy and exhausting five days). The meeting will include a talk by Mr. Roger Sell from CRS Adventures; members of school staff will also be present. The presentations will provide you with further information and answer any questions that you may have. Children are expected to attend when parental consent for the visit is given.

The total cost of the trip depends on the numbers of children who attend, however this is likely to be in the region of £450. We will obviously confirm the exact cost once numbers are known.

In accordance with County guidance and the school's charging and remissions regulations, we are asking parents/carers (with the exception of those in receipt of means tested benefit – see below) to make a payment for board and lodging, and a non-refundable voluntary contribution to cover the remaining costs of the visit, covering activities and travel. The cost of board and lodging will be £205 per pupil and the cost of activities will be £175 per pupil, plus the costs of the coach which will depend on numbers.

Parents/carers of children in receipt of means tested benefit may be eligible for support from the school or from the William Harding Foundation. Where this is the case, please notify Mrs Smith in the school office who will respond in confidence.

The trip will go ahead if the contributions are received per pupil, but will be cancelled if there is any shortfall. The school budget cannot afford to subsidise the trip as it would impact on other areas within school.

In order that we can ascertain whether it will be possible to run the trip in October 2022 and pay the deposit, we need to ask for the cost of the room and board (£205) to be paid by **20th May 2022**. Payments should be made online, either in full or in instalments via the School Gateway from **Friday 8th April 2022**.

The remaining payment will be due by **16th September 2022**. You may make payments either in full or in instalments via the School Gateway. We do, however, require payment in **full** by the deadline of **16th September 2022** so that we can pay their final invoice.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Pullinger, Mr Stallwood, Miss Sisk, Mr Irwin and Mr Dawson.
Year 6 Team

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