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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trips**

As you know, Bridge School has historically had two residential trips (one in Year 5 and another in Year 6) which is really good for getting children used to staying away from home.

Historically, the Year 6 trip has been Monday to Friday although this was changed a couple of years ago and instead took place over a weekend. After speaking to the children (and staff) on the latest residential, it was clear that many of the children felt homesick and were very tired which then continued into the following week back at school. When asked, the children said that they didn't want to be away from home at the weekend as that was 'family time'. Therefore, we have made the decision to revert back to a Monday to Friday residential. Obviously this has an impact on cost and, partly for this reason, we've also moved the residential to the beginning of the school year.

Year 5 were also keen to revamp their residential and rather than having a historical focus, their residential will focus on developing children's 'eco-awareness' which fits in with their curriculum focus this year. This also has the benefit of being cheaper than the trip to Salisbury.

To summarise, there are two residential visits:

**Year 5 Residential Trip to Bore Place**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Total Cost: £115

**Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Windmill Hill**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Total Cost: £365

Obviously, we would not expect parents to make all payments before September given the fact that the two residential trips are relatively close together. Payments may be made in instalments if you so wish and this has proved to be most beneficial in recent years. These can be spread out as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	£40
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	£40
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020	£40
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	£40	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	£40

Payments may be made via ParentMail or, if you are paying by cheque, please make these payable to Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School. Payments can also be made by BACS (please contact the school office for details).

If you have any problems or concerns over payment, please contact our Business Manager, Jess Haigh, as soon as possible. A parents' information session will be held with relevant staff closer to the time, where more detailed information about the trip will be given.

Kind regards,

Jacqui Hurley

