

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Mendip Adventure Camp (week beginning 8th July 2024)

As part of the enrichment programme at Selwood, all Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in a Mendip Adventure Camp, which is a 3 day (2 night) residential during the week of the 8 – 12th of July 2024. The trip is open to all children in Year 6. The Mendip Activity Centre run and lead the camp. The personnel of this company all have recognised qualifications in the activities they are instructing. The Academy has made use of their services for several years and all previous residential trips have been a great success.

At this stage, it is not possible to give the specific timetable of activities, but based on last years trip it is likely to include abseiling, rock climbing, wide games, assault course, and a water sports activity. The group will be camping at the centre's own Canvas Village. In addition to the Mendip Activity Centre instructors, the children will be accompanied by teachers and support staff from Selwood Academy.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £211.80 in total, this may reduce slightly depending on confirmed numbers, and you will be required to pay using ParentPay. A non-refundable deposit of £50 will be payable upon confirmation of place. The remaining balance of £161.80 can be paid in instalments, with all payments completed by **Friday 7 June**.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they may be able to use their Selwood Activity Voucher to pay towards settling the balance for the trip. However, please note that we will still need you to pay the £50 deposit first. If you plan to use the voucher, please indicate this on the google form.

The school currently purchases travel insurance through Zurich which provides a basic level of cover for all children and staff. Parents are advised to purchase their own personal accident and illness insurance if they require additional cover or are concerned.

Please note that during the visit we will be taking photographs of the children for use in our newsletter and for publicity purposes. If you do not wish your child's image to be used in this way, please ensure the school is aware of this.

If you wish your child to take part in this trip, please complete this Google form <https://forms.gle/cR5NYriE3ChQsGF16> and pay a **non-refundable** deposit of £50 by **Friday 20th October 2023 to secure a place**.

On receipt of your deposit and form your place will be secured. Information about the trip including a parent information evening will follow in the preceding months.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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