



30th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Residential Visit – PGL Boreatton Park, Shropshire.

29th June 2022 to 1st July 2022

Each year, Somerville's Year 6 children participate in their residential visit to PGL Boreatton Park in Shropshire. Last year's was a great success and both the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This year we have provisionally organised for the children in Year 6 to attend the same residential centre in Shropshire.

We believe that outdoor education is an important part of every child's education. A residential visit is a fabulous opportunity for children to develop their independence and social skills before moving to secondary school. It helps build character and develop team working skills.

PGL Boreatton Park is located in the heart of the Shropshire countryside, the impressive 250 acres activity centre ensures that there is everything we need to keep our Year 6 children busy, with plenty of adventure activities on land and water.

The visit would start at around 10.00am on Wednesday when the children leave school and they will return on the Friday afternoon just before home time. The children will have access to a range of meals each day with plenty of choice on offer and will have evening entertainment on Wednesday and Thursday nights. During the day and into early evening pupils will participate in a range of adventure activities such as abseiling, climbing etc. The exact choice of activities and timetable will be available in September to share with parents and carers. In the meantime you may like to visit the PGL website to have a look at the range of activities available.

<http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays/centres/boreatton-park>

We have booked for two nights, like last year to make the cost more manageable for our families and to reduce the time away from school and home for both children and staff. The cost of the visit is £269 not including the transport costs. However the governors of Somerville Federation feel strongly about wanting as many Year 6 children to attend the residential as possible. Therefore have reduced the voluntary contribution for your child to attend to **£175**, with the governors paying the additional £94 for each child plus the cost of the coach, @£600.

Residential visits are reliant upon voluntary contributions from parents and carers to allow them to take place. However, if this residential visit cannot be funded without voluntary contributions, the governing body wish to make it clear that the residential visit will unfortunately have to be cancelled. There is no obligation to pay for a residential visit. However without your voluntary contributions and the support of staff giving up their own time, preparing for the visit and being away from their own families for a number of days; these visits cannot take place.

At the moment we have only made a **provisional** booking. If we are unable to secure enough voluntary deposits by the deadline set then we will have to cancel the visit for all pupils, as we require a minimum number of

children to attend to make the trip possible. Unfortunately, it is very unlikely we will be able to accept anybody else onto the visit after the deadline for deposits and given our final numbers to PGL as places are limited at the residential centre. A commitment by the **deadline of 22nd October 2021** if you wish your child to attend therefore needs to be made. Please make an appointment with the Assistant Headteacher, Mrs O'Shaughnessy, **before the deadline**, if you would like your child to attend but may struggle to meet the payment plan.

If you would like to find out more about the residential visit further information has been placed on the school website for now whilst we continue to follow our COVID risk assessment. By [clicking on this link](#) on your device you will find quick access to the PowerPoint slide, video and further information.

If you would like your child to attend the residential visit please return the agreement form and **NON REFUNDABLE*** deposit to school **no later than Friday 22nd October 2021**. We will then be able to let you know if we have received enough voluntary contributions to make the visit viable.

***If we cancel the visit due to not receiving enough voluntary contributions, then any deposits paid will be returned in full.**

Once the deposit and agreement form have been returned to school you are committing to pay the remaining voluntary contributions for your child before the visit takes place in June 2022.

Payment Plan and Deadlines

DATE	AMOUNT
Friday 22 nd October 2021 DEPOSIT DEADLINE	£25
30 th November 2021	£25
December 2021	No payment this month to take account of Christmas spending
31 st January 2022	£25
28 th February 2022	£25
30 th March 2022	£25
April 2022	No payment this month but please note £50 will be required next month.
31 st May 2022 FINAL PAYMENT	£50 TOTAL to be received prior to attending PGL: £175

Yours sincerely,



Mr M.J. Forber
Executive Headteacher