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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, we are firmly committed to providing enriching educational experiences to all our children. However, we are also aware of the practical considerations of this, such as the financial pressures placed on parents in paying for visits and residential. Following a review of this, we wish to inform you of an important change regarding our scheduled residential visits for our Key Stage 2 students.

Traditionally, our school has organised residential trips for Year 5 and Year 6 students, which have been cherished as valuable educational and social experiences. However, upon reviewing financial increases within everyday life and considering feedback from parents/carers, we have noted the financial strain that consecutive residential trips in Year 5 and Year 6 can cause for our families.

To alleviate this concern and allow the costs for families to be spread more evenly in the future, we have decided to make a change to the year groups participating in residential visits. From September 2024, the outdoor and adventurous activity residential, which is currently for Year 5 students, will be moved to Year 4. This adjustment means that your child, currently in Year 3, will now experience their first residential trip in Year 4, rather than Year 5.

Here are the key benefits we aim to achieve with this change:

1. **Financial Ease for Families:** Spacing the residential trips over a longer period will help families manage the costs more effectively, reducing the financial burden during consecutive school years.
2. **Enhanced Learning Opportunities:** By introducing the residential trip earlier in the school journey, we believe it will enrich the curriculum in a timely manner and foster a stronger sense of community and independence among pupils earlier in their development.

We understand that changes to long-standing schedules may come as a surprise, and we want to assure you that this decision was made after thorough consideration of its impacts. To assist in planning, we will provide details about the costs, itinerary, and educational objectives of the residential trip during a **Parent Meeting on Tuesday 14th May at 3.30 pm.**

We are excited to share that our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a residential trip to the Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, located in the picturesque Dobroyd Castle, in March 2025. This trip is a fantastic chance for our students to engage in a variety of educational and team-building activities, fostering personal growth and enhancing their learning experience outside the classroom.

Trip Details:

- **Dates:** March 2025 (specific dates to be confirmed)
- **Duration:** 3 days, 2 nights
- **Location:** Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, Dobroyd Castle



The programme at Robinwood is designed to support key aspects of the curriculum, with activities that challenge the students physically and mentally, boost their confidence, and promote teamwork. The activities include, but are not limited to, archery, climbing, canoeing, and problem-solving tasks.

Cost and Inclusions: The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately £330 per student. This price covers all aspects of the trip including:

- Transportation to and from the venue by coach
- Full board accommodation
- All activities and equipment

We aim to provide the best value for these enriching experiences and are mindful of the financial commitment involved. The final price will be confirmed once we have the exact number of participants, which helps us negotiate the best possible terms. We understand the importance of budgeting for such activities, and we will keep you updated as soon as we finalise the details.

We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication and are here to discuss any concerns you might have regarding this change. Please feel free to reach out to us, or join us at the upcoming parent meeting, where we will discuss this in more detail.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we strive to make decisions that best meet the educational needs of our pupils and the practical needs of our families.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Berry
Principal