

All Saints' Catholic Primary School



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Monday 8th March, 2021

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you about the school's position regarding the upcoming Year Six Residential. Unfortunately the trip to Grinton Lodge has had to be cancelled due to the hostel having to remain closed for overnight school groups until 21st June. This will probably come to no surprise to you all. We have told the children today and we understand that they are disappointed not to have the traditional residential however they perked up once we explained our Plan B!

To try and compensate for the lack of residential, we have organised for Year Six to camp overnight on our school field! Working with Wilderness Outdoor Education, the children will camp overnight on Thursday 24th June. A brief breakdown of the activity looks like this (more information will follow later in the year):

Thursday 24th June	Parents drop children off at school as usual – 8.45am
	Settle into camps and set up camp beds
	Team Challenge Workshop – evening
	Sit around the camp fire & cook evening meal
	Free time to play
	Overnight camping
Friday 25th June	Wake up for breakfast
	Registration in class
	Desert Island Workshop – full day
	Parents collect children from school as usual – 3pm

The cost for this experience is £60 per child. A number of parents chose to transfer payment from the Year Five trip that was cancelled last year to the Year Six Residential 2021 account; if you chose that option, we will take the money from here. Any additional money that you have paid will be refunded. If you have another child in school and would prefer us to transfer the money onto another account, for example Breakfast Club/Tea Time Club or to buy school uniform we can easily do that. This would be the preferred option of the school. Can you please email by Friday 25th June if you would like your money transferred to a sibling's account and specify which account to credit. If you do not want your money transferred on ParentPay, your additional money will be returned to you by cheque.

Please can a deposit of £20 be paid onto Parent Pay by Friday 30th April with the remaining £40 paid by Wednesday 23rd June.



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Whilst a one night camping opportunity is not ideal, it has certainly put a smile on the children's faces today so all is not lost! I also feel that this is a nice compromise for families as we are very well aware that individual families have differing opinions/comfort levels surrounding their children staying away from home after such a difficult year.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

