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PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

18 October 2023

I am delighted to be able to write to you to let you all know that we have confirmed 50 places for the Year 6 residential visit to Skern Lodge in Appledore, Devon. The visit will take place from **Friday 14 June 2024 – Monday 17 June 2024**. This is the first time Park Hill will be visiting Skern Lodge, I believe this is an amazing opportunity for the children to make some lifelong memories. We are certain that memories from this visit will stay with them forever.

In the first instance, we are offering a place to Year 6 children. If we have more than 50 children who want to go on this trip, we will do our best to see if they can increase our allocation of places. Please return the slip below to indicate if your child will be participating.

The full cost of the visit to the school is £364.00 per pupil (*provided all 50 spaces are filled*), otherwise it may be slightly more. We recognise that this is a significant amount of money to ask you to find for your children and I know that for some parents, they will find the decision a difficult one to 'wrestle with'.

We do not want the cost of this visit to be a barrier. For some families, who are in receipt of financial support i.e. Universal Credit, we **may** be in a position to offer a reduction in the overall cost. If you believe that you may be entitled to a further subsidy or would like to talk to us about your circumstances, please indicate this on your reply slip or contact the school office. I would like to try to explore for all children to be able to attend the residential.

To secure your child's place we will require a deposit of £64 by 30 November 2023.

Payments can be made either as a one-off payment or to make the cost more manageable we have proposed the following payment plan which will be set up on Bromcom via the My Child at School app.

£64 - Deposit to be paid by 30 November 2023

£60 to be paid by 29 February

£60 to be paid by 31 December 2023

£60 to be paid by 31 March 2024

£60 to be paid by 31 January 2024

£60 to be paid by 30 April 2024

Below is a little information, but you can also look at their website
<https://www.skermlodge.com>

Some other points for you all to be aware of!

The children travel by coach booked by the school.

Insurance is provided by the Local Authority.

Activities will be varied – I assure you of this. I have had the opportunity to attend Skern Lodge on several occasions. I have experienced abseiling, rope climbing, zip lines, visits to the beach as well as surfing! The itinerary has not yet been finalised.

Accommodation is in dormitories, all meals provided. (I remember the meals being an excellent range and choice for children)

All activities are Risk Assessed and our Educational Visits Coordinator in school (Mrs Mann) will oversee that the correct documentation has been made available.

All staff are trained teachers and instructors.

All activities support the Geography and Outdoor Education programmes.

Children are organised into groups for all activities.

The residential buildings are secure at all times.

Later in the school year, we will write to you inviting parents and carers to attend an information evening where you can learn more about the visit and we can answer any questions that you may have.

Please see the attached permission slip which will need to be completed and returned to school by Thursday 30 November 2023.

Kind regards

Mr P Griffin
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Skern Lodge, Appledore, Devon – Friday 14 June to Monday 17 June 2024

I _____ parent of

class _____ confirm that my child:

(please tick as appropriate)

will be attending this residential visit

☐

will NOT be attending this residential visit

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I believe my child will be eligible for a subsidy please send me the financial assistance form ☐

I do not believe my child will be eligible for a subsidy ☐

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return to school by Thursday 30 November 2023

