

8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

YEAR 5 - RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO OSMINGTON BAY – 2024

Following our successful visit to Osmington Bay Field Studies Centre, we are very pleased to advise that a residential visit to Weymouth has been arranged from 7th – 10th May 2024.

The focus of the visit to this exciting location is to provide first-hand experience relevant to aspects of the environmental science, geography, and history programmes of study. Fieldwork is planned with highly qualified tutors leading the teaching sessions. The Centre has its own private beach - access is restricted to students at the Centre - where the children will carry out marine studies.

Our outward coach journey is planned to include a visit to Liberty's Owl Raptor and Reptile Centre. Other field work is either undertaken on the 80-acre site, or a short coach journey away. The planned residential visit will include travel between South Farnham School and Osmington Bay, full board and accommodation in 3 or 4-bedded chalets with en-suite facilities.

We are delighted that we are able to take advantage of the wide range of experiences and excellent facilities that Osmington Bay offers. A very full programme has been arranged which will ensure that the children have an extremely worthwhile trip from which they will benefit both educationally and socially.

We have been in negotiation with the centre over the cost of this trip in order to secure a discount during this peak season and we ask for a £398 voluntary contribution to cover coach travel, accommodation, meals and activities. If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please complete the consent form and pay the £90 non-returnable deposit via ParentPay by Monday 16th October 2023. The balance would be payable via ParentPay, either as a lump sum or by instalments (as per below suggestion), by Friday 2nd February 2024. If insufficient contributions are received, it may be necessary to cancel the trip.

Date of Instalment	Amount
Deposit By 16 th October 2023	£90.00
30 th November 2023	£103.00
31 st December 2023	£103.00
31 st January 2024	£102.00

There will be a meeting for parents of children taking part in this visit in the Spring Term which will give you full information about the itinerary and arrangements. Occasionally on school visits children are unwell which necessitates returning home early. Please may I ask that you are available during the week should it be necessary for you to collect your child. This does, of course, happen very infrequently.

We are already planning the itinerary and we need parent helpers to accompany the children on the visit. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Dyl know as soon as possible. All parents on this visit need to be DBS checked and we have time to organise this for anyone who is not yet cleared. Mrs Dyl will meet with these parents nearer the time to discuss detailed arrangements.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Esther Whitbourn

Headteacher