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Dear Year 4 & 5 families,

Year 5 Bowles Residential: 23rd February – 25th February 2026

This year, Darley Dene will once again be running a residential trip to Bowles Rocks Education Centre. We are offering this experience for our children currently in Year 4 and Year 5 in line with our residential restructure. This trip will take place from **Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 25th February 2026**. Bowles is a non-profit educational activity centre five miles south of Tunbridge Wells which is used by many Surrey schools for their school trips. The weekend's activities for the children are many and various, taking part in activities in a safe and secure environment which has a positive effect on children's achievement in many areas of their lives. We would very much like all of the children invited to attend as they gain so much from being part of a whole group experience and will form treasured memories which remain long after school days are over. If there is any aspect of the trip that gives you or your child cause for concern, please speak to a member of the team.

A deposit of £100 is to be paid by 22nd October 2025 and final payments are to be made prior to the end of January 2026.

All five schools from the Trust will be taking part in the same residential at different times, and as a result of working together in this venture we are pleased to be able to offer a competitive cost of **£271.00** per child, which covers accommodation, catering, coach travel and insurance.

Please note that this price is based on a minimum of 24 children attending from the year group. Should the number of children who sign up for the trip be a much lower figure than we have estimated it would lead to a necessary change in cost. Should this happen, we will advise you as soon as possible after the 22nd October. Unfortunately, and with regret, should we not have sufficient families paying the full amount, then we will have no choice but to cancel the trip. A subsidy may be available for those children on Free School Meals so if this applies to you, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

We will be holding an **Information Meeting** on **Monday 13th October at 3.20pm** to provide you with all the information for this exciting event. We will go through the itinerary in a little more detail, further outlining our aims and expectations of this trip, and answering any questions you may have.

Once you have booked a place for your child, you are committed to the cost even if on the day your child cannot attend, irrespective of the circumstances, unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

We ask if you could please complete the following form [Bowles Form](#) so we can get an idea of numbers for the information meeting and those wanting to attend.

Yours sincerely

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