



Executive Principal: Mrs Mary Ellen McCarthy MA; Ed.M
Headteacher: Ms Sarah Kober BA (Hons) QTS; NPQH

Garfield Road, Addlestone
Surrey, KT15 2NP
Tel: 01932 847674

Email: office.darleydene@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk
Website: www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk

3rd October 2023

Dear Year 5 Families,

Year 5 Bowles Residential: 22nd – 24th March 2024

Year 5 will once again be running a residential trip to Bowles Rocks Education Centre. This trip will take place from Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March 2024. 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 our Year 5 children 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 Miss Hamburg.

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 £223.00 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 13th October 2023. 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.



Bowles Information Meeting

Please attend our information meeting on **Monday 9th October at 3:30pm** for information on 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. Payment we appreciate that this residential is only six months away, so we have devised the following payment plan below. Anyone who finds this difficult and may require a personalised payment plan, please contact the office as soon as possible. In order to secure a place for your child, we ask that you tick the online consent box on Scopay by **Friday 13th October**, together with the non-refundable deposit of £30.

You then have the choice of paying the remainder of the trip in instalments as follows or alternatively paying it in full:

£40 by Friday 27th October 2023
£80 by Thursday 30th November 2023
£73 by Friday 26th January 2024

All payments must be made no later than Friday 26th January 2024.

Permission and Deposit

As this trip is now available online, if you wish to start making smaller payments earlier, you are able to do so providing that the above amounts are paid by the dates specified.

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.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Kober
Headteacher