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Year 6 Hilltop Residential 5th - 8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to invite you to sign up for the Year 6 Residential in September 2017. It is an amazing opportunity that will have huge benefits for your child. It will stretch them to do things they never thought they could as well as developing their independence and, most importantly, have an enormous amount of fun!



Where is it?

The Hilltop Outdoor Centre is purpose built with children in mind and offers excellent facilities in 100 acres of private woodland near the north Norfolk coast. The accommodation is modern chalet style buildings and a main lodge which are centrally heated. Bedrooms are for 2, 3, 4 or 5 people. The centre will provide us with the facilities that we need to cover important parts of the Geography, P.E. and P.S.H.E. curriculum. They also learn important social skills such as independence, supporting each other and pushing themselves to achieve tasks.

What does it offer?

Hilltop offers activities like a 3G super swing, 100m zip wire, high ropes courses, assault courses, archery, mountain biking, orienteering, climbing and abseiling, which are all supervised by fully qualified instructors. The children also experience evening woodland walks and night games by torchlight after dinner.



What will it cost?

We would like as many children in Year 6 to attend as possible. We have done a lot of work this year to keep the price down. After an initial quote of £365, we thought this was too much. We researched other venues but Hilltop was by far the best in terms of accommodation, activities, space and food. We then looked at the time of year to see if we could change the price this way. The school are also going to subsidise the cost, meaning that this will keep the price down too. The price will be **£225** per child. This includes travel, accommodation, activities and food. For pupils currently on free school meals the cost will be further subsidised by the school. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact us for an application form. There will be the opportunity for all children to pay by instalments spreading the cost between now and 1st June 2017.



When is it?

We have chosen to go for the very first week of the Autumn Term. It will be an excellent start to the year, introducing the children to the adults and other pupils and allow us to all work together, play and build great relationships for the rest of the academic year. It requires the children to come back to school one day early, on **Tuesday 5th September and we will be there 4 days until Friday 8th September**. To make the most of the time we are there, Hilltop have agreed to provide activities for the Friday afternoon and we will leave at approximately 5.30pm.



What do I do if I would like my child to come?

If you would like your child to take part on the school residential, please pay a **£25.00 non-refundable deposit via Parentmail by Friday 10th February 2017**. Full payment for the trip needs to be made by **1st June 2017**. Please note: Your child's place cannot be guaranteed if full payment is not received by 1st June 2017. If you cancel your child's place after 24th April 2017 a refund of any money paid will not be given.

For more information visit the centre website (www.hilltopoutdoorcentre.co.uk). Alternatively, please feel free to come in and ask any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Smith
Residential Leader