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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Years 5/6 – Residential Trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre

I am pleased to tell you about plans for a Residential Trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre on 5th July to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. We have made the decision to switch to Stubbers this year for a number of reasons. We are acutely aware of the current cost of living crisis and do not wish to put big financial burdens onto parents. Completing a residential closer to home means we can save money on transport costs. You'll also notice that the time away has reduced from 4 and half days to 3. However, the children will receive the exact same number of activities- they are simply losing the travelling time on the M25!

The trip will consist of an in-depth programme of activities, which will be sent to you nearer the time, that is carefully designed to fully involve the children and to encourage team work and develop their independence, this, in turn, has a huge effect on their self-esteem. The activities are organised and led by Stubbers staff who are fully trained, although Bulphan staff will have overall responsibility for the children. The children will have three meals a day and sleeping arrangements will be in a tented village.

Residential trips offer a wonderful experience for children and the opportunity for some to stay away from home for the first time in an environment that is secure and exciting. It gives them the chance to work together with their peers. Experience shows that residential trips develop children's problem-solving skills which helps develop their confidence in tackling new situations.

The cost of the trip will be £241.00 which includes all activities, food and accommodation. To keep costs to a minimum, parents will need to take their child straight to Stubbers on  $5^{th}$  July arriving at 9am.

There will be a payment plan set up to enable you to spread the cost over a number of months with an initial non-returnable deposit of £40 payable by  $\underline{4^{th} November 2022}$  to secure a place. This will be available on  $\underline{www.schoolmoney.co.uk}$  from today.

We hope that lots of you will be able to attend.

Kind regards,

Miss Taylor Head of School

'God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path'
Inspired by Psalm 119:105

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