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Challenging Ourselves and Others,
Achieving Excellence'*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 Camp 2027

Following our recent parent meeting, we are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to attend the Year 6 Residential Visit next year, taking place from **14th to 18th June** at the Dean Field Studies Centre in the beautiful Forest of Dean.

As discussed at the meeting, residential visits provide children with a wealth of valuable experiences. Through a range of exciting outdoor activities and challenges, pupils develop teamwork, resilience, confidence and independence, while also exploring aspects of science and the natural environment. Spending time away from home in a safe, supportive setting helps children grow both socially and personally. The residential is always a fantastic experience and is often remembered as one of the highlights of Year 6.

We very much hope that all children in the year group will be able to attend and benefit from the exciting and hugely valuable experiences that the Dean Field residential offers. However, we appreciate that a residential visit is not the right choice for every family. As the visit takes place during the normal school week, children who do not attend will be expected to come to school as usual. Alternative arrangements will be made to accommodate them within a nearby year group, and appropriate learning activities will be provided.

The total cost of the Year 6 Residential Visit in 2027 will be **£495**. This figure covers the cost of accommodation, activities, transport and staffing, with the overall cost shared equally between all participating pupils.

We have carefully explored alternative venues and providers and can confirm that this represents the best value for money available. The cost includes exclusive use of the Dean Field Centre and its specialist staff, return transport, excellent home-cooked meals, and an extensive programme of both daytime and evening activities.

If you would like your child to attend, a non-refundable deposit of £150 must be paid by Monday 2nd November 2026. Payment should be made via ParentPay at www.parentpay.com.

To help spread the cost, the remaining balance can be paid in instalments. The payment schedule is as follows:

- A payment of £125 must be made by Monday 1st February 2027
- A further payment of £125 must be made by Monday 22nd March 2027
- The remaining £95 must be paid by Friday 30th April 2027.



You are, of course, welcome to make additional payments or settle the outstanding balance in full at any time before the final payment deadline.

At Golden Valley, we are committed to ensuring that no child is excluded from educational opportunities because of financial circumstances. The residential visit is funded through voluntary parental contributions, and we are grateful for the support of families in helping us make this valuable experience possible. Please be aware that if insufficient contributions are received overall, the visit may regrettably need to be cancelled.

Pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding will not be required to pay the board and lodging element of the visit (please see the separate letter for further information).

The Nailsea Community Trust offers financial support to families who may need assistance with the cost of the residential visit and/or the equipment and clothing required. Applications can be made online at: <https://www.nailseacommunitytrust.org.uk/apply.html> . Alternatively, please contact the school office if you would prefer a paper application form.

A kit list is enclosed for your information, and an updated copy will be sent closer to the date of the visit.

We will continue to share information about the residential throughout Year 6. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely



R Riordan
Headteacher

