

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th July 2017

To parents of Y6 pupils

Dear Parents,

Y6 Residential Course 2018

After lengthy exploration of options, we are confident that our current Y6 trip arrangements are the best value for money we can offer with the widest range of activities. We have negotiated with PGL the lowest possible price, whilst maintaining the highest possible standards.

Consequently, we are intending to take Y6 pupils on a residential Adventure Study course to Little Canada, Isle of Wight, from **Monday 9th July 2018** for the week. The children will be away for five days, returning on **Friday 13th July**. As with last year's visit, our residential course arrangements will be made with PGL Education and Adventure.

The Adventure Study course we have selected offers an exciting mix of off-site educational visits and on-site adventure based activities. We will use the Little Canada Centre as a base from which to visit local places of interest (including Osborne House, Carisbrooke Castle, Dinosaur Isle, Alum Bay and The Needles). There will also be a range of outdoor adventure based activities available for groups to participate in, e.g. abseiling, aeroball, team problem solving games, high ropes activities etc. On the journey to the Isle of Wight, we will visit HMS Warrior at Portsmouth Dockyard.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see an interesting part of England, unique in its character, enabling us to experience history, compare contrasting geographical localities and enjoy the social experience of staying together with friends of the same age. Little Canada is set in 40 acres of woodland and has log cabin style accommodation, sleeping between 4-6 same-sex pupils and offering en-suite toilet, hand basin and shower facilities. Well-balanced and nutritional meals are provided three times a day to satisfy even the largest appetite, with a choice of hot main courses, plus a salad bar and a vegetarian option.

The cost of the residential visit will be **£404.31** per person. This includes full board and accommodation, tuition, coach and ferry transport, all entry fees to places of interest and insurance. Additional costs are traditionally met from the PTA's covenant fund each year.

To facilitate ease of payment and budgeting for parents, we spread the cost over five instalments from now until May. If you would like your child to attend, **please pay a non-refundable deposit of £104.31 by Monday 30th October via School Gateway**. Then please make four further payments of £75 due on 5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March and 20th April. You can pay from tomorrow and you have the option to pay all the payments in one go.

The feasibility and value of such a residential visit depends upon it being well supported. We understand that it is a burden on tight family budgets but it has always been highly valued by parents and pupils. We hope you respect the time we have spent on exploring options and cutting costs wherever possible. If you foresee any difficulties in affording the trip, please write to the Headteacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ball, Mr Greaves and Mr Hume
Year 6 teachers