



**St. Michael's C.E. Primary School
Brigadier Hill, Enfield**



29th April 2022

Re: School Journey 2023

Dear Year 5 Parents

As you will be aware, for many years now we have given the children of Year Six an opportunity to go on a fantastic residential trip to take part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. For several years, we have been visiting Overstrand Hall in North Norfolk.

We have made a provisional booking for next year, for the current Year Five, at Overstrand from Monday 12 June - Friday 16 June 2023.

The centre offers a good range of outdoor and adventurous pursuits with an emphasis on safety. Whilst there, children can take part in activities such as abseiling, fencing, orienteering, archery, caving and a wide range of high ropes challenges. Just being away from family can help children to develop independence and communication skills; meeting instructors and children from other schools develops confidence ready for the move to secondary school and facing fears in some of the more adventurous pursuits gives an immense amount of self-satisfaction and self knowledge.

Unfortunately, residential trips do not come cheap and prices have risen quite substantially recently due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current rise in living/fuel/energy costs etc. A Monday-Friday residential trip to Overstrand in June 2023 will very likely cost around **£500** per child. This price already includes an early booking discount. Parents would have around a year to make these payments, which can be made in instalments.

With this rise in costs over the last year or two, we do want to ensure that there is enough interest from parents for this trip to take place, before we confirm the booking:

To confirm a place on this residential, two steps are required initially:

- 1) Can we please ask you to email the replyto@st-michaels.enfield.sch.uk by Monday, 9th May 2022 to confirm whether you would be interested in your child participating in this trip.
- 2) Your first deposit payment of £40 would need to be paid by Monday, 6th June 2022 on Parentpay.

Should we receive sufficient expressions of interest and deposits across the two classes, I will confirm our booking with Overstrand and send the initial deposit to them.

It must be noted, however, that the Covid pandemic is not over. The school is insured via the Government's Risk Protection Arrangement for Schools, so we were able to make refunds to the parents for the cancelled 2020 Year 6 School Journey. Should government guidance mean that residential trips cannot go ahead for any reason in June 2023, we should be able to refund all - or almost all - of any payments made. However, nobody can predict the future and we cannot make any 100% guarantees.

Please note the following payment schedule:

A second deposit of £60 must be paid by Friday, 30th September.

The remaining balance of around £400 must be paid by Easter 2023.

Payments are made via Parentpay.

The centre's website is <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/overstrand-hall/>

Yours sincerely,



Jan Matthews

