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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of this academic year it always provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the life of our school and the activities we provide. This year, we have reflected on parental feedback and also the general cost of living and the impact our residential experiences may have. Therefore, we are providing key information well in advance to help prepare for the residential experiences for Year 4 and Year 5 children next academic year.

Sending your child on a residential school trip is a significant milestone. This year we have planned for our Year 4 and Year 5 children to enjoy a residential experience at **Danbury Outdoor Centre**. Year 4 will be enjoying the trip between Monday 1st March to Wednesday 3rd March 2027 and then Year 5 will experience the residential from Wednesday 3rd March - Friday 5th March 2027. This will ensure that all children will enjoy this exciting opportunity as we move into a new cycle of residential from 2027-2028. Our arrangements for Phase 4 residential will see Year 4 attending the Danbury Outdoor Centre each year with our Year 6 children then enjoying their Penshurst residential experience.

Our planned residential to Danbury focuses on developing the whole child by blending adventure, personal growth, and social connection. Here is how the experience will positively impact your child:

- **Supercharging Confidence:** Stepping outside familiar routines to conquer new outdoor and group challenges creates a lasting "I can do it" attitude.
- **Building Deep Friendships:** Living and working together helps children build stronger bonds, practice empathy, and develop deep, supportive friendships with their peers.
- **Growing Independence:** Managing their own morning routines, organising their kit, and making personal choices builds vital real-world responsibility.
- **Strengthening Teacher Bonds:** Interacting with staff in a relaxed, supportive environment builds mutual trust that dramatically improves classroom engagement back at school.
- **Unlocking Hidden Talents:** Away from traditional desks, many children discover unexpected strengths in leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork.

At Barons Court we truly value our outdoor residential experiences to enhance children's social and learning opportunities. Annually, we provide information regarding your child's residential for the year and the costing well in advance. We hope you find this information useful, however if you have any questions please contact the school office team.

The cost of accommodation and travel for this trip will be **£265.00 per child** and therefore, **on Friday 4th September 2026** we will be asking for a deposit of £25.00 to secure your child's place. You will be able to spread the cost over the next 7 months. We will create a **Residential Top-Up account** on Arbor specifically for payments to be deposited for the Y4 and Y5 residential. For example you can Top-Up your account each week or month (min £5). Once the deposit is paid £40.00 a month is suggested as this will complete the payment by 4th February.

In order to secure your child's place in line with the financial arrangements we have with the centre. **All payments must be paid in full by 4th February 2027** No refunds will be given as all payments received are secured against the trip.

Bold, Ambitious, Resilient, Open, Nurturing, Successful

Payment

- **Friday 4th September 2026** – a Deposit of **£25.00** to secure your child's place on the residential and to aid school planning. If the deposit is not paid by this date then unfortunately your child will not be able to attend as we need to secure places with the outdoor centre. This deposit is non- refundable.
- **Top-up on Y4 and Y5 Residential** as often as you can to help spread the cost.
- **Thursday 4th February 2027 - Final payment**

We will be providing regular payment reminders throughout the year.

The children will be travelling to Danbury by coach and the accommodation will be in secure log cabin style buildings with washing and toilet facilities, although a more detailed itinerary will follow nearer the time. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of exciting and engaging activities such as:

- Climbing
- Archery
- High Ropes
- Adventure Course
- Team Building
- Caving

For more information you can visit the company's website: <http://www.essexoutdoors.org/danbury.php>

In January we will be providing further details on the residential with a full kit list and medical information which is required, this will fully outline the residential experience, and we look forward to providing further details on our arrangements.

We look forward to another exciting opportunity for the children and we firmly believe the memories, skills, and resilience your child will gain from this trip will create extra special memories for years to come.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rosheena Ali
Deputy Headteacher