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Monday 4th October 2021

Year 5 Residential Visit Update

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Planning and running a residential during a pandemic is unprecedented for both schools and the residential providers, especially with everchanging government guidance that is not always transparent.

Since booking the Year 5 Frontier Centre residential, government guidance and the Centre's procedures/ control measures have changed. There is no longer a requirement that the children complete a lateral flow test the day before attending the residential, although it goes without saying that a child must NOT attend the residential if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. The Centre is also now following current government guidance regarding the self-isolation of close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases which could mean that children in close contact with a positive case may well not have to be sent home from the trip unless they themselves develop symptoms.

Understandably, some parents have expressed concerns in these uncertain times regarding losing payment if their child is unable to go onto the trip. The Centre has confirmed the following which we hope will give parents confidence to book:

Deposits are non-refundable, however, should your group be unable to visit the centre due to a Covid-19 outbreak or due to local lockdown your deposit payment will be transferrable to a future date meaning that you will not lose any money.

Once the booking is confirmed, the school has a commitment to pay the Frontier Centre. However, we will never hold onto funds that can be returned to parents and will always check whether our travel insurance covers the situation to try to reimburse parents if possible. Our travel insurance does not cover a child who catches COVID-19 just before or during the trip.

The school needs a minimum number of children to sign up for this trip in order for us to confirm our booking. At present, we have not reached the Centre's minimum number and will have no option but to cancel the trip (returning deposits paid) if we do not reach the minimum number. If you have not already returned your contract and deposit and now wish your child to attend the residential, we have extended the deadline to **Monday 11th October 2021**. The terms and conditions have been amended- if you have already signed the previous contract, it is not necessary to sign the updated one.

Please contact the school office if you have any other questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M Davidson'.

Miss M Davidson
Educational Visits Co-ordinator

YEAR 5 FRONTIER CENTRE VISIT CONTRACT

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

I would like my child to attend the Year 5 residential visit to the Frontier Centre in March 2022.

My child receives Pupil Premium funding and the school will pay £120 towards the cost.

I would also like to use £_____ of my child's £100 Pupil Premium voucher for 2021/22. (You may wish to use £50 to pay the remaining balance.)

I agree to pay any outstanding balance (if not using £50 of the £100 voucher) by Friday 14th January 2022.

I agree to the COVID-19 terms and conditions outlined below.

COVID-19 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- I will inform the school if my child has any COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days leading up to March 9th or has been in contact with anyone who has.
- I understand that if my child develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the trip, my child will be required to self-isolate immediately. **I agree to be responsible for collecting my child at the Frontier Centre as soon as possible and to arrange a PCR test.** I will give the results to the school office at the earliest convenience.
- Depending on government guidance at the time, I understand that close contacts of a child or adult who has developed COVID-19 symptoms may also be asked to self-isolate immediately at home. I understand that this may be subject to change depending on government guidance at the time.
- **I understand that if my child's trip is cut short due to having to self-isolate or for any other reason not covered by our insurance (e.g. sent home due to poor behaviour), the school will be unable to provide a refund.**
- In all cases, the deposit is non-refundable.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Relationship to child: _____