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Gilwell 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you to those parents who attended our meeting about October's school journey to Gilwell. Below is a summary of the information from the meeting for your records:

- The residential will take place between **Monday 1st October 1 and Friday 5th October 2018**.
- We have been going to Gilwell Park for school journeys for many years. It is a trip that the children enjoy very much and it forms part of the National Curriculum. Children develop their independence and social skills immensely, whilst forming successful teams with their peers and the teachers in Year 6.
- Gilwell Park is situated near Epping Forest, only a 30 minute drive from school.
- The children will be sleeping in two modern and well equipped buildings, with the boys being separated from the girls. They will be supervised by adults from the school at all times.
- Gilwell Park will be providing a packed lunch and a cooked dinner every day as part of their service. School staff will be making a healthy breakfast every day and providing the children with fruit and juice for snacks. All meals are halal.
- The children will be taking part in various activities, such as archery, crate stacking, 3G swing, raft building, climbing, kayaking, backwoods cooking and team building.
- Your child will be provided with a kit list once they have handed in their medical form, which also acts as the consent form. In terms of clothing, **please do not buy anything new**. Children should bring warm, comfortable, old clothes that they do not mind getting muddy.
- Towards the cost of the trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£80**. This represents terrific value for a trip of this sort as it is only half of the overall cost. The school relies on these contributions, without them we simply would not be able to have residential trips like this. Parents of twins need only pay once. **The deadline for payment is Monday 1st October**. Please use Parent Pay to make your contribution. You do not have to pay the full balance all at once.
- You now need to fill in a medical form for your child, which also acts as consent. **Please return the medical form by Friday 22nd June**. Children should give their forms to their Year 5 class teacher. For the trip, we will not be able to accept any forms of medication that are not indicated on the form.

If you have any questions or concerns about the trip, speak to the office staff about arranging a personal meeting with Alex, who will be the lead teacher on the residential and has been to Gilwell many times with the school.

We are looking forward to another fantastic school journey.

Yours sincerely

Alex Langfield

Assistant Head Teacher for Lower KS2 and Gilwell Trip Leader

