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Dear Parents/Carers,

Residential Trip to Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre (near Lichfield) from 6th – 8th October 2021

We are very pleased to inform you that we can now organise our 2-day residential visit for Year 4 children (currently Year 3) to Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre, near Lichfield from 6th– 8th October 2021. Whitemoor Lakes is a residential centre that follows a rewarding educational programme combined with exciting indoor and outdoor activities, all taking place in a controlled environment.

We have been to Whitemoor Lakes several times and have been impressed with the high quality of accommodation, catering and activities they provide. Our children really enjoy this trip with their friends, without being too far from home. We will also visit the National Arboretum on the final afternoon as this is close by and is very worthwhile.

As you may know, the Government is very keen that schools provide young people with this kind of learning outside the classroom. We fully support the amazing development that can result from children taking part in adventurous activities such as climbing, abseiling, archery and zip wire. They have fun tackling each challenge, whilst gaining self-confidence and a real sense of achievement. The difference back in the classroom, and at home, is very often remarkable.

We would normally hold a meeting in school to share the details and give you the opportunity to ask questions, but this is not possible at the moment. We have therefore put our presentation on to the school website (under the Curriculum tab) for you to read through and you could also visit the Whitemoor Lakes website and see their photographs:
<https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/whitemoor-lakes/>

The price of this exciting trip will be approximately £145.00, which includes everything (accommodation, food, equipment, coach hire, insurance etc.). The exact figure is dependent upon final numbers, but should not change too much. The more children that go, the cheaper it will be and we normally take almost everyone in the year group.

If your child would like to take part, **please pay an initial deposit of £60.00** using our online payment system Scopay by **Friday 4th June**. (Please note that this deposit is non-refundable, unless Government advice regarding the pandemic means we have to cancel the trip). The balance of approx. £85.00 will then need to be paid by Friday 30th August at the latest. **Please note that if there are not enough voluntary contributions the trip will not go ahead.**

We very much hope that your child is able to join us! If you have any queries at all, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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