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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 children,

Year 6 Residential Visit to Morfa Bay September 2023

We are hoping to be able to take the children who will be in Y6 next year on a residential visit to Morfa Bay Adventure, Pendine in West Wales. We have been taking our Y6 children to Morfa Bay for many years now and we hope that circumstances will allow us to take the children once again next year.

We have a provisional booking for 4 nights from **Monday 11th September, returning on Friday 15th September 2023.**

The total cost for each child will be in the region of £330. This may have to be adjusted slightly depending upon the take-up of places. Once we are aware of numbers, we should be in a position to confirm the visit and the cost and organise the staffing. The cost includes meals, accommodation, activities (including specialist tuition and equipment), transport, and insurance. This can be paid in instalments via ParentPay. We are unable to accept Childcare vouchers.

We always like as many children as possible in the year group to benefit from the experience and do our best to meet the needs of children who wish to go – please talk with us if you have any questions or concerns about how we might meet specific needs of your child or options available. We also do not want children to miss out for financial reasons. For this reason, if you would like your child to take part but have genuine concerns over payment, please contact us, in complete confidence, and we will do all we can to help.

If your child does NOT want to take part – or you would rather they didn't - we would be grateful if you would let us know the reason – we might be able to help. Problems and anxieties your child may have about going away can usually be overcome!

To help us confirm the booking and for you to secure a place for your child on this residential visit, please return the slip below by 31st January 2023 so we can plan for the number of children going. A deposit of £55 is payable by 31st January to secure your child's place. The balance of £275 will need to be paid in full by 30th June 2023 and can be paid in instalments using ParentPay. If you require a barcoded letter please ask at the School Office.

IMPORTANT: The deposit is non-refundable once we have paid the deposit to Morfa Bay.

(NB Refunds would be possible if Morfa Bay cannot open for business for the week we have booked). If your child is entitled to Free School Meals / Pupil Premium information about the funding of this trip will be sent separately to you shortly.

- **Key information about the Morfa Bay visit is included below.**
- **We will be available to talk more about the visit and try to answer any questions you have about Morfa Bay on Wednesday 7th December at 3:30pm in the Infant Hall.** This is particularly aimed at parents who are not familiar with the Morfa Bay visit but all are welcome!
- Further, more detailed information about the visit will be sent out in due course – including the programme of activities, which is still to be finalised - and a medical/dietary form for you to complete

and return. We will also be sending out a kit list for your information – but we must emphasise there should not be a need to purchase lots of new clothes – Morfa activities are often wet and muddy so older clothes are fine! No specialist equipment is needed – wetsuits/drysuits are also provided, for example.

Meanwhile, if you have any queries, please ask us at school or you may wish to look at the Morfa Bay website: www.morfabay.com

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Heywood
Deputy Headteacher

Key Information – Morfa Bay

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what the visit to Morfa Bay visit entails, here is the key information. (Of course, if the visit goes ahead, you will be provided with more detailed information and itinerary in due course)

- Morfa Bay Adventure is in Pendine, Wales – see www.morfabay.com for a better idea of what the Centre and surrounding area are like.
- We leave by coach on the Monday morning and return on the Friday afternoon
- Apart from a packed lunch on the Monday, all meals are included and provided – they are also very good at managing a whole range of dietary requirements
- Children sleep in dorms/chalets – usually they are split between 4 dorms. These are situated very close to the staff block. Each dorm has an access code for security.

Children take part in a range of activities during the week in Activity Groups of no more than 12, both on-site and off-site. All main activities are led by a qualified instructor but are always accompanied by at least one adult from the school team. The activities vary from year to year but typically include:

Mud Assault Course (on-site)

Mountain Biking (on-site)

Sea / Body Boarding (at nearby Pendine beach)

Woodland Scramble (Junior Gorge Walking – off-site; fun activities and challenges in a river)

High Ropes/ Climbing Wall / Zip line (on-site)

Archery (on-site)

Crate stacking (on-site)

Beach Study / Rockpooling (nearby Pendine beach)

Orienteering (off-site in nearby woods)

For off-site activities, children either walk or minibuses are provided.

- All equipment for the activities (including wetsuits for water-based activities) is provided – there is no need to purchase/provide anything for these. Old clothes are best for Morfa – they will get muddy/wet!
- A programme of evening activities is also provided – e.g. a hike (led by Morfa staff); perhaps some challenges or a ‘talent night’ led by school team; on Thursday evening there is usually a barbeque and disco led by Morfa staff. The disco is the one activity for which the children may wish to have a smarter set of clothes. (A quiet activity area is provided for children who don’t like the disco environment!). There will also be some ‘free’ time for children to go on the play area, kick a ball about, etc, within the grounds of the Centre (supervised by school adults).
- We are very used to taking children to Morfa and dealing with all sorts of situations – medical needs, dietary needs, homesickness issues, etc. We will always contact you if we have any worries about your child.
- Safety is paramount – we have to complete detailed risk assessments and spend a great deal of time doing all we can to ensure all the children are safe and well looked after. Morfa Bay Centre is

inspected annually and have to ensure that all instructors are properly qualified and safety regulations met.

- Please don't be put off if you don't consider your child - or your child doesn't think of themselves – as 'sporty'. The emphasis is very much on co-operation, working together as a team, encouragement and just having a go at new things. It's a great opportunity to develop independence and social skills - and the children get to see their peers and the adults in a different light and the staff see the children in a different light. It's an opportunity to make new friends and 'bond' as a Year Group.

Morfa Bay Residential Visit: 11th – 15th September 2023

Name of child: Class:

- I would like my child to go on the residential visit to Morfa Bay Outdoor Centre.
- I have paid the deposit (non-refundable) of £55 via ParentPay.
- My child will **not** be taking part in this visit. (*We would appreciate it if you could provide a reason*)

Signed (Parent/Carer)
