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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Residential Visit - Brancaster Millennium Activity Centre 14th-18th October 2019

The Trip

We are once again planning to take a group of year 6 children on a week long (five days, four nights) residential visit to Brancaster, North Norfolk. This has become an established part of the year 6 curriculum, where the themes of responsibility, teamwork and cooperation are strongly promoted. The children are encouraged to take up challenges and form stronger bonds with peers and staff early in the year which helps them to be better prepared for the demands of year 6 and beyond. The more pupils who take up this opportunity, the more effective their sense of unity and the greater their understanding is of expectations amongst the year group.

The centre offers a range of activities including sailing or kayaking, cycling, team building, a coastal safari and a boat trip to see the seals. Activities do vary from one year to the next and details of exactly what we will be doing will be made clearer in due course. The children are also encouraged to look at the environmental impact we have upon our surroundings and to consider what they can do to help to be more green.

Accommodation is in dormitories, most of which are en-suite, others have separate blocks for showers. Three meals a day will be provided, with special dietary requirements being catered for.

The Cost

The cost of the trip is £290.00 per pupil, based on a minimum of 30 paying children to make the trip viable. This covers insurance, transport, educational activities plus board and lodging. As this residential visit takes place during school time, the school is only allowed to ask for voluntary contributions from parents. No pupil will be excluded from the visit in the event of a contribution not being forthcoming, however, the school does not have funds to meet the costs, so it will only take place if voluntary contributions are received. If contributions are not received the trip will have to be cancelled. This arrangement is consistent with the Governors' policy statement on charging and legislation derived from the Education Reform Act 1988. Copies of these documents are available for inspection at the School.

Payment can be made in five instalments: **£50 deposit by Friday, 30th November**, £60 by 15th February, £60 by 26th April, £60 by 5th July and £60 by 13th September. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium then the deposit of £50 will be met by the school, please tick the relevant box on the reply slip.

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To book a place

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, could you please complete the reply slip and return it to the school office by Friday 30th November with a deposit of £50.00 (cheques made payable to Colman Junior School) to secure a place on a first-come first-secured basis. It may be possible to secure a place with a reduced deposit if applying for financial assistance. Please contact the school office if this is the case.

In the event that the trip is viable, the deposit and subsequent payments would be non-returnable. Parents should not request a place for their child if they are likely to change their mind. Payment of a deposit is seen as a commitment to a firm place on this residential visit.

Support with Funding

"If your household has a low income, (for example, you may be receiving benefits), you may be eligible for a grant which could cover most of the cost of the trip from Anguish's Educational Foundation. To enquire about this possibility, please ring them on 01603 621023 or e-mail info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk.

The current 'gross household income' for being able to apply for the Foundation is £700 per week or £36,400 (per annum). Anguish's area of benefit is for families living within the City of Norwich and the parishes of Costessey, Hellesdon, Catton, Sprowston, Thorpe St Andrew and Corpusty. The Trustees can only accept an application for assistance with educational trips that are £400 or under".

Parents will need to make an application direct and we recommend that this is done as soon as possible in order to secure financial assistance.

Additional Information

Details of the centre can be found on www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brancaster (You might also have a look at the CJS Instagram on the Colman Junior website.)

If anyone requires further information we will be happy to answer any queries.

Yours faithfully



Mr Furlong

Miss Harrison

Mrs Garrod

REPLY SLIP

To: School Office (by Friday 30th November)
Year 6 Residential Visit - 'BRANCASTER'

Name..... Class.....

Please reserve a place for my child on the Brancaster residential trip from Monday 14th - Friday 18th October 2019.

- I enclose a booking fee of £50 Cash or Cheque (made payable to Colman Junior School) which I understand will be **non-returnable** if the trip is viable and money has been paid to the Centre.
- My child is eligible for Pupil Premium and I understand the deposit will be met by the school and that I will pay the further instalments.

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date