



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

12th September 2018

Dear Parents

For many years the school has organised a successful programme of residential visits. These have enhanced the children's education both socially and across the curriculum.

Our programme of visits begins in Year 4 with a two-night visit to the New Forest. We stay near Lyndhurst at the Minstead Study Centre which is owned by Hampshire County Council. Accommodation is in a new building with centrally heated dormitories equipped with washrooms and showers. There are indoor classroom facilities, but the majority of the time is spent outdoors studying the environment.

Minstead has a friendly staff, well used to accommodating children of this age and providing a secure, but exciting educational experience.

This year our visit will take place during the week beginning 8th October 2018.

- Mrs Jones' class will visit Minstead from Monday, 8th October to Wednesday, 10th October.
- Mr Hughes' class will visit Minstead from Wednesday, 10th October to Friday, 12th October.

Mrs Jones' Class:

(8th October)

Children should arrive at school no later than 8.50am and meet in their classroom.

The children will be leaving by coach for Minstead at approximately 9.30am and will be returning to school on Wednesday, 10th October at approximately 2.15pm.

Mr Hughes' Class:

(10th October)

Children should arrive at school as normal and meet in their classroom at 8.50am.

The children will be leaving school by coach at approximately 9.30am and will be returning to school on Friday, 12th October at approximately 2.15pm.

Please find attached a Medical Questionnaire which we need completed for this trip, along with a Special Diet Request Form {if required}. **Please complete these forms and return to the school office by Monday 17th September.**

The total cost of the trip is £150.00 per child and this can be paid online or in instalments from now – and an extended period of time, on request, if that eases the financial impact. This is the same cost as last year. Please may I ask you to check your eligibility for free school meals, following the link: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers>. Those parents who are entitled would be eligible for assistance in meeting the cost of school trips.

If the financial contribution, which includes the cost of transport to and from the venue, is likely to be a barrier to your child’s participation, please do arrange to speak to Mrs. Bush in the School Office in confidence.

Please remember all our residential visits are non-profit making. Although contributions to school trips are voluntary, if insufficient contributions are received, unfortunately, the trip maybe cancelled.

Your child will shortly bring home a small booklet about the visit, which includes the equipment list. Please note there will be a parents’ meeting about Minstead at **3.40pm on Wednesday 3rd October in Y4H class.**

We believe that Minstead provides a memorable and magical learning experience for the children. We hope that they are looking forward to their first residential visit.

Yours sincerely

Tony Hughes
Educational Visits Co-ordinator

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Year 4 Residential Visit to Minstead – October 2018**

Child’s Name Class

- I wish / do not wish my child to go on the residential visit to Minstead.
- I enclose a deposit of £50.00 (due by Friday, 21st September) and will pay the balance of £100.00 by Friday, 5th October (cheques payable to Swanmore Primary School please).
- I wish to pay by instalments and would like a payment card.
(Please delete as appropriate)

Signed (parent) Date