



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

22nd September 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to give you the dates for the residential visits for the academic year 2020/2021:

Year 4 Minstead	19 th – 21 st April and 21 st - 23 rd April 2021
Year 5 Swanage	4 th – 7 th May 2021 (Both classes together)
Year 6 Wales	22 nd February – 26 th February and 1 st – 5 th March 2021

At Swanmore Primary School we believe that our residential programme provides these benefits:

- developing key skills such as greater independence, self-reliance, communication, and working co-operatively;
- developing social education and citizenship, eg building relationships, learning to tolerate others and respect each other's views;
- promoting education for sustainable development, eg an appreciation of the natural world.
- promoting health and fitness and a positive use of leisure time.

In response to parental requests we have decided to give advance notice of the approximate cost of each visit to help you plan your financial expenditure for the year. Please note that this is an approximate guide as the cost of a visit may vary from year to year according to the size of the year group, varying transport costs or the adult supervision needed. Also costs may increase depending on guidelines regarding Coronavirus from the Government.

Year 4 Minstead, New Forest	£150.00
Year 5 Swanage, Dorset	£210.00
Year 6 Brecon Beacons, Wales	£230.00

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. Our costs include transport (coach for Years 4 and 5 and minibuses for Year 6), accommodation, staffing and instruction, equipment hire (Year 6), catering and refreshments, entry charges to facilities and pre-visit costs.

We are not requesting any payment for the above trips at this stage. We will notify you when this situation changes.

Support is available to families who have financial difficulties. 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. Please contact either myself or Mrs Bush if you need help.

Our residential experiences are an important part of the curriculum and we are keen that all our children have these opportunities.

We hope you find this information useful and that your children are looking forward to their residential experiences next year.

Yours sincerely

Tony Hughes
Offsite Visits Co-ordinator