



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 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 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 16th October 2023.

- Mr Middleton's class will visit Minstead from Monday, 16th October to Wednesday, 18th October.
- Mrs Saunders' class will visit Minstead from Wednesday, 18th October to Friday, 20th October.

Mr Middleton's Class:

(16st October)

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

The children will be leaving school by coach for Minstead at approximately 9.30am and will be returning to school on Wednesday, 18th October at approximately 2.15pm.

Mrs Saunders' Class:

(18th October)

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

The children will be leaving school by coach for Minstead at approximately 9.30am and will be returning to school on Friday, 20th 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 Tuesday 19th September.**

The total cost of the trip is £170.00 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: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>. Those parents who are entitled would be eligible for assistance in meeting the cost of school trips.

If you would like 'Pay it Forward' and support a family who may not be able to afford the visit, please enter the amount you would like to pay, including the price for your trip. All additional donations will be used to pay for children where families are facing financial challenges.

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. Cook 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 4th October in Y4M classroom.**

We believe that Minstead provides a memorable and magical learning experience for the children and we do 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 2023

Child's Name Class

- I wish / do not wish my child to go on the residential visit to Minstead.
- I enclose a deposit of £60.00 (due by Friday, 22nd September) and will pay the balance of £110.00 by Friday, 6th October (cheques payable to Swanmore Primary School please).
- I wish to pay by Scopay
- I wish to pay by instalments and would like a payment card.
(Please delete as appropriate)

Signed (parent) Date