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4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Residential Outdoor Pursuits Visit to White Hall – March 2025

We have provisionally booked for year 6 children to go on a residential, outdoor pursuits visit to White Hall, from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th March 2025.

White Hall residential visits provide an opportunity to experience challenging outdoor pursuits such as rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing and stream scrambling. The courses are tailor made to suit the ages/abilities of the group and they give valuable opportunities for teamwork and self-reliance. The pupils make their own beds, sweep floors, lay the meal tables and help to wash up. The staff at White Hall are all highly qualified, employed by Derbyshire County Council and vetted accordingly.

The trip is earlier than in previous years which has reduced the cost. We estimate the cost of the trip will be £205, although we hope to be able to reduce this slightly when we know how many children are going and can confirm the number of coaches we need. As well as coach travel, the cost includes all meals, dormitory accommodation, instruction, use of specialist equipment and insurance.

If you would like your child to go on this trip, we need you to consent and pay an initial deposit of £50. Doing this will guarantee a place and confirm that you are prepared to pay the full costs of the trip.

The consent, deposit and all future payments for this trip, must be made on ParentPay. Within the next few days, when you login to your ParentPay account, you will find a payment item specifically for this trip deposit. Please go into this payment item to complete the consent and pay the deposit. If you haven't activated your ParentPay account and need log in details re-sending or if you need help, please contact the school office as soon as possible. **It is essential that all first deposits are received by Wednesday 23rd October** as numbers will be confirmed with White Hall and transport will be booked after this date. This payment item will not be available after 23rd October.

By giving your consent, you are agreeing that you have read our Offsite Visits Policy which you will find on the school website <https://www.stjohnsbelper.co.uk/policies/>. Alternatively, a paper copy can be provided by the school office.

Once we have been able to book the coaches, the final cost and payment instalment amounts will be advised and made available on ParentPay. The first instalment will be £70 and must be paid by no later than 19th November 2024. The balance will be due by no later than 22nd January 2025.



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It is important for you to know that unfortunately, once we have confirmed numbers and become liable for payments to the coach company and White Hall, unrecoverable costs will be payable by parents/carers. This includes if you cancel your child's place or school does not receive payments by the due dates and therefore must cancel your child's place.

Kind Regards,

Miss Bennett and Mrs Newton