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Dear Parents

Re: Residential Visit – Fairthorne Manor – 20th – 24th May 2024

Further to our recent communication regarding the Year 6 residential trip to Fairthorne Manor, the majority of parents were in favour of the trip taking place. I am pleased to confirm we have secured a much cheaper coach company and as a result the total cost of the trip is £447.00 per child. For those parents who are not familiar, Fairthorne Manor is an activity centre run by the YMCA. The children are accompanied by 6 members of staff from St Joseph's. The trip has taken place for many years and is seen as an important part of the children's development both physically and socially. The social development is vital in view of the children's move to secondary school. The main activities for the week include archery, canoeing, raft building, orienteering and aerial runway amongst others.

Part of the cost of the trip is exempt for those parents in receipt of certain benefits. A list of the benefits applicable are set out in the Bosco Trust's charging and remissions policy, which is available to view on the school website. If you wish to speak to me in confidence about the entitlement to waive charges, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Parents are being asked to make a voluntary contribution of all or part of the cost of this trip. Parents are not obliged to make a contribution, however, if insufficient monies are received, the trip will have to be cancelled.

We would be grateful if you could pay a deposit of £74.50 by the 31st August, followed by suggested installed amounts of £74.50 on the last day of September, October, November, February and March. All payments are to be made via our online Parentpay system. Some of the Year 6 parents are hoping to undertake some fundraising in order to reduce the cost of this trip. Could we therefore ask that you refrain from paying the full amount at this time as the cost may reduce as a result of the fundraising and the total will be adjusted on ParentPay to reflect this.

If your child does not wish to attend Fairthorne, please let the school office know.

Fairthorne Manor require final numbers 61 days prior to the trip taking place, if after this date you withdraw your child, I'm afraid a refund cannot be given and you will be liable for the full amount.

There will be a pre-meeting to discuss the trip on Thursday, 5th October at 3.30pm in St Theresa class.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Walker
Head Teacher

