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Dear Parents and Carers

OAK CLASS RESIDENTIAL – JUNE 2022

It's that time of year when all Year 5 and 6 teachers are busy arranging fun packed adventures and challenges for the children. I am pleased to confirm that we have been able to secure a two-night residential at Pixie's Holt from **Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th June 2022**.

On previous trips I have led, the children all had a great time whilst getting the opportunity to do exciting and challenging activities. It's been quite a feat to get a residential in the summer term as all schools have the same idea and bookings are through the roof post COVID restrictions!

There are many exciting activities planned which include team building activities, scrambling, climbing, weaseling, orienteering and a night walk. We will also be completing a study of the River Dart – we will be busy right up to the last minute - please start asking for fine weather now!

Luckily, the price hasn't risen a great deal from previous trips however, it can't be cheap if all the activities are to be suitably planned, staffed and organised to make sure that the children are safe at all times.

Please read on to find the details for this residential:

- **Venue:** Pixies Holt is situated on the B3357 road from Ashburton to Princetown in the small Dartmoor hamlet of Dartmeet. (grid ref: SX670733). It is a former guest house which has been used as a residential centre since 1969. The centre's facilities include a large common room, dining room, kitchens, bathrooms and a range of small dormitories which can accommodate up to 36.
- **Dates:** Children will need to come to school on the morning of Wednesday 8th June with all their kit and we will transport them to the centre. They will need to bring a packed lunch with them for Wednesday in a suitable rucksack with an unbreakable drinks bottle which they can use throughout their stay. They will need to be collected from Pixies Holt on Friday 10th June at 1.30pm. Expect some tired children!
- **Objective:** To provide the children with an opportunity to develop their independence and self-confidence whilst living together as part of a larger group and participating in a range of adventurous activities (under the close supervision of suitably qualified leaders).
- **Staffing:** The visit is organised by the school and staffed by Devon Discovery, the Local Authority outdoors and adventurous education people. All staff are trained and hold

qualifications to enable them to work in line with the standards set by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority. Miss Barlow will lead the residential.

- **Catering:** Pixies Holt is a catered establishment.
- **And the price?** As we have a full agenda of adventurous activities planned, as well as use of the centre's minibus, the price is £150 per child. I realise that this is not cheap and we would be willing to receive payment by installments over the next three months if required. Payments should be made via Parent Pay by Thursday 2nd June. If you would like to pay by installments please pay £50 via Parent Pay by the following dates: Monday 25th April , Thursday 5th May, Thursday 2nd June.

I hope that all the children will be excited and look forward to taking part in this adventure.

An information pack is being produced for every child and will be sent home early next term but in the meantime please complete and return the permission slip below as soon as possible. I am available in school to answer any questions you may have.

Regards,

Karen Barlow

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Broadhempston Primary School – Oak Class Residential Trip June 2022

I give permission for my child to attend the residential trip to Pixie's Holt.

I will make payment of £150.00 via Parent Pay by 2nd June either in installments or one lump sum.

My contact number, in case of the need to communicate, is

Medical information.....

Signed Date