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Thursday 11th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

GREAT WOOD CAMP - 21st May – 25th May 2018

The school wishes to invite Year 7 pupils to join an exciting residential trip to Great Wood camp in the Quantock Hills from Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May.

The aim of this trip is to give the pupils a valuable residential experience in the company of their peers and to participate in outdoor activities such as; orienteering, archery, stream/map work, forest shelter building, swimming and the 'one match challenge'. One of the residential days is spent at Kilve Court – again a selection of activities such as; a stream walk, mountain boarding, high ropes, archery and grass sledging.

Throughout the visit, all activities are led and/or supervised by qualified instructors and/or members of Swanmead staff. The programme of activities may vary slightly subject to prevailing weather conditions and opportunities/local situations applicable at the time.

The full cost of the visit including transport, accommodation, food and **all activities** will approximately be £230 – (the amount may vary by £5 either way and is TBC with the centre)

Payment Plan;

- £60 non – refundable deposit payable no later than **Friday 23rd February 2018**
- A further instalment of £70 payable by **Friday 23rd March 2018**
- Final balance of £100 to be paid no later than **Friday 27th April 2018**

To make payment for this visit easier, payments can be made in instalments of any size (including the deposit) and a payment card will be issued to assist with keeping track of this.



Eligible families may apply to The Ilminster Education Foundation for a grant towards the trip. An application form can be collected from Mitcham and Co. Accountants, Cornhill, Ilminster. In addition, children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding (Free school meals, children looked after, children of armed forces personnel etc.) are welcome to contact Mrs Spurway at the school about what proportion of the trip could be financed by the school.

The acceptance of the deposit does not guarantee your child's place on the trip. If the trip is over-subscribed, a first come first served basis will apply with a reserve list being created (deposits will be returned if your child does not get a place on the trip). Conversely, in the event of insufficient take up or insufficient funding, the school will be unable to proceed with the trip.

As is the case for all our residentials, a pupil whose behaviour is of concern in school and therefore raises issues for the safety of themselves, or that of others, could be withdrawn from the trip. This will be reviewed before the trip takes place and could forego their place. In such a circumstance, any money paid would be returned and the reason for the decision communicated to the parent/guardian and child. It is therefore important for parents to continue to emphasise the importance of excellent behaviour and conduct both in and out of school at all times.

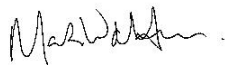
If you would like your child to take part in this exciting trip, please return the signed confirmation slip as soon as possible and a **£60 non-refundable deposit by Friday 23rd February 2018.**

There will be a meeting in early May for participants and parents/carers to receive further details of the arrangements.

This residential is often regarded by our children as a 'Swanmead highlight' when they leave the school at the end of Year 8. We therefore look forward to a positive response with regard to pupils joining us in this truly memorable experience.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this activity.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Walker
Headteacher

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Year 7 Great Wood Camp - May 2018

To Mrs. Spurway by Friday 23rd February 2018

REPLY No. _____

As parent / guardian of(name) in Tutor Group..... I have read, fully understand and am satisfied with the details given here and wish my child to participate in the residential trip to Great Wood.

I enclose a £60.00 deposit (Cheques payable to Swanmead Community School) This is non-refundable unless my child is not allocated a place on the trip.

Signed Date.....

Print Name