



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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Dear Y5 parents/carers

Residential Activity Course: 20th-24th October 2025 at First Education and School Travel – St Briavels Castle, Lydney

Thank you to all parents who were able to make it to the residential meeting after school last week. As you are aware, in order to try to keep costs down we are hoping to take your child's class on residential before October half term next year.

It is well known that residential courses organised by schools are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. Indeed, the Government has placed on record the beneficial effects on a child's progress that such courses provide. They offer new and exciting challenges and by living with their peers and working together in a team environment, help develop independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try out new activities cannot be underestimated, everyone learns to respect and value each other's ability as well as their own.

At First Education and School Travel, fully trained and qualified instructors, with the support of school staff, provide instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment.

The activities available include archery, fencing, orienteering, team challenges, shelter building, guided walks, bread making and many more.

For those of you who were unable to make the meeting please see the attached leaflet about the trip.

The total cost of the residential is £390 and includes transport, full board accommodation, all instruction and activities, equipment and safety equipment providing that all of the children would like to go.

We are mindful that this is an expensive experience that we would like to provide for your child. In the past, we have been able to obtain some assistance from local charities if necessary. If you would like to discuss this further, then please speak to me directly.

In order to secure the booking we need a non-refundable deposit of £90 to be paid via ParentPay by 24th February 2025. Providing we have a full uptake, followed by three payments of £100 on 31st March, 30th April and 31st May 2025.

Yours sincerely

Clare Howells
Headteacher

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