

17th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit September 2023

Edwinstree would like to organise an educational residential visit for the current Year 6 at the start of the academic year 2023-2024. I have contacted the centre and made a provisional booking for **Monday 18th September – Wednesday 20th September 2023**. The aim of the course is to provide an opportunity for the children to experience new exciting activities and develop their own personal and social skills, as a whole year group with their team of teachers. No experience is required.

The week includes three activity days and two nights. Probable activities will include abseiling, orienteering, archery, a confidence course, assault course, climbing, high ropes, initiative exercises, canoeing/kayaking and paddle boarding.

The centre at Bradwell is a coastal outdoor education centre, based on the River Blackwater Estuary, a lovely stretch of sheltered tidal water on the east coast of Essex.

Delivering high-quality residential and day-based outdoor education programmes, Bradwell is recognised as a leading provider of sailing, yachting and watersport activities.

The Centre has a website which you may like to browse www.essexoutdoors.com/our-centres/bradwell/

All activities are directed by specially selected and qualified instructors and safety standards are in accordance with the recommendations of the Department for Education's publication 'Safety in Outdoor Education'.

The cost of the visit will be approximately **£216.00 per student**, which includes all meals, accommodation, activity tuition, insurance and coach travel. Children will be required to bring a sleeping bag and waterproof clothing. Prices exclude pocket money, [very little will be required].

A **non-refundable deposit of £54.00** will be payable via School Gateway **by Friday 5th May 2023**. If the visit has sufficient support to go ahead, the attached payment plan should be adhered to and the final balance will be due on **Friday 4th August 2023**. Please note this visit will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and places will not be confirmed until your payment has been received.

Regrettably once payments have been posted to the centre, money paid cannot be refunded. If your child is medically unfit with a doctor's certificate prior to departure, then the insurance cover will ensure a refund of the money paid.

We hope you will share our belief in the positive benefits to be gained from this exciting opportunity. However, if you are undecided about whether to send your child on the visit, please talk to myself or the Year 7 team.

Please click on the link below to provide consent for your child to attend:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jkBiqTKZX1>

Please note that, if a pupil is facing an exclusion or exhibiting poor behaviour, up to and including the date of the visit, we reserve the right to exclude them from the visit.

Payment plan on School Gateway:

	Payment Amounts	Deadline dates for payments
Deposit	£54	Friday 5 th May 2023
Payment 2	£54	Friday 2 nd June 2023
Payment 3	£54	Friday 7 th July 2023
Payment 4	£54	Friday 9 th August 2023

Should you wish to pay in full: following deposit payment on Friday 5th May 2023, full payment can be made from Friday 2nd July 2023.

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

Kindest regards



Jo Gant

Head of Edwinstree Middle School

Attachments:

Kit List

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