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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Year 6 Trips

This year we have tried to ensure that all year groups are able to go on at least two trips, despite each term since September facing one or two outbreaks that required us to stop all trips out.

We are keen to make sure any trip offered does not exclude children and is inclusive. To that end we canvassed all Parents in order to find out what costs you could manage on an annual basis towards school trips. The majority told us that between £50 and £75 was the amount you could manage.

Because of the number of outbreaks through Spring and Winter we are now in a situation where all trips have been squeezed into the end of the term, and this has been made worse for Year 6 Parents as the SATs exams stopped trips for Year 6 in the first half of the term.

We are also keen to support your child with a residential trip as they missed out on their Year 4 trip. We deliberately chose to avoid the high cost of trips that were offered in the Summer, and wait until the end of September to take your child on a 3-day trip, to Essex Outdoors – Bradwell from the 28 – 30 September 2022.

Looking at what we are planning to do, we now realise that we have squeezed the trips into a short period of time, which requires a significant amount of money from you as a Parent. £36 theatre trip, £21.25 for Felixstowe in June and payments for the residential that are spread out but will require £195 in 4 months. This is also falling at a time when we are all worried about the increasing cost of living and energy bills.

I have therefore made the decision to not take the year 6 children to Felixstowe this term, but to take them on a Geography trip in the local area. We will be exploring a woodland, making camps and damming a River for the day. This will only cost the price of a packed lunch. I will be speaking to the students about my decision post half term.

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Straight after half term, you will receive the full details of the residential trip to Essex Outdoors – Bradwell and this will include a breakdown of the payments which we will ask for at the end of June, July, August and mid-September and will be at a cost of £49.00 each payment. The June payment will be a non-refundable deposit.

We recognise this comes at a difficult time of year and we will again factor this cost into the trips we offer in year 7.

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. We may be able to help.

We hope that you can see the logic in changes we are making to support students, avoid COVID outbreaks and keep the costs at a level that is as inclusive to all as possible.

Kindest regards



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