

Dear Parents

I am writing to clarify the school's plans for arranging this year's residential activities for Oaks Class.

I have been made aware of considerable disappointment about the children not going to Pencelli in Wales, as has been in place for the last few years. Unfortunately there was no suitable availability for us to stay. The centre is booked up for complete weeks for much of the year, and to go for less than a week is simply not economically viable for us.

In my newsletter at the beginning of term, I informed you that I would be investigating an alternative residential trip (similar to one I have run successfully in the past) to Bristol City Centre in June.

The children would be able to experience what it is like to live in a bustling thriving city through 'overnighting' at the Youth Hostel, giving us easy access to a wide range of sites and place of interest. A visit to the SS Great Britain and the brand new museum there, taking an evening Packet Boat tour of the harbour and floating dock, visiting the Hindu temple and a synagogue, the City Museum and the cathedral are all possibilities at this stage.

I fully appreciate that this is a very different residential from the one the children had been anticipating, and as such I am looking into the additional possibility this year of reviving the old treat of camping on the school field in between a couple of days of outdoor/adventurous activities based more locally. I am investigating hiring a climbing wall to be brought to the school, and the high ropes course at Moors Valley. The combined cost of the Bristol residential (approx £220 for 3 nights/4 days) and the camping/outdoor activities event (approx £50 for 1 night/2 days including activities and food) would be approximately £270.

Bearing in mind the trip to Pencelli cannot take place this year, I would be very grateful if you would fill in the attached form indicating your intention to support the above proposals. As these activities require a higher adult/pupil ratio than normal school activities, I would also be grateful if you would indicate your availability to help. Valid DBS certification would be required.

With best wishes

James Stanford
Oaks Class

I have read the proposals for residential activities for Oaks Class this year and, final details pending, would like to reserve a place for my child.....

I understand that the cost of the trips may vary depending on take-up and final specifications, and that if insufficient interest in the activities is registered they will not take place.

Signed.....
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