



# Gossops Green Primary School

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## **RE: Next Year's Y6 Residential Visit – October 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the residential meeting on Wednesday. Below is a summary of the information given.

**Dates and location:** The trip will take place in the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025** at Blackland Farm in East Grinstead. If you wish to take a look at the site in more detail, please look at their website: [Activities - Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre](#)

The residential part of the week will be 2 ½ days with 2 nights away. The children will be split into two halves of the year group and either attend Monday to Wednesday, or Wednesday to Friday. This is to make the trip more affordable and more accessible.

Both halves of the year group will receive exactly the same experience. Halves will be determined by pupils' friendship groups where possible.

The other half of the week will be school based but includes an off-site day trip (to be confirmed later), which is included in the price.

	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Group A</b>	Arrive	Activity 1	Activity 1		
	Activity 2	Activity 2	Lunch & Leave		
	Activity 3	Activity 3			
	Evening activity	Evening activity			
<b>Group B</b>				Activity 1	Activity 1
			Arrive	Activity 2	Activity 2
			Activity 3	Activity 3	Leave
			Evening activity	Evening activity	

**Payments:** The total cost per pupil for the trip will be **£200**.

Deposit	£60 by 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
2nd payment	£35 by 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
3rd payment	£35 by 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
4th payment	£35 by 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Final payment	£35 by 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

Please note that we have spread the payments over the year to make it more manageable and have deliberately avoided payments in December and January to help reduce the cost over the Christmas period.

If you would like your child to take part in the residential trip when they are in Year 6, please **pay the deposit of £60** via Arbor by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. If you select 'activities', then 'trips' the residential should show up there for you to pay. If you need any assistance using the online system, please come to the school office where they will be pleased to assist you.

**Activities:** The exact activities are not yet finalised, but will include activities such as climbing, abseiling, archery, aeroball, zip wire and a range of team-building activities. One of the activities will be water-based, such as paddle boarding or kayaking. The children will be transported by coach to the local river for this activity.

**Accommodation:** We have two lodges for the trip: one for the boys and one for the girls. The children will sleep in single-sex dormitories and have showers, sinks and toilets in their lodge. The children will receive three meals a day and dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child has any severe allergies or specific requirements, then please let me know nearer the time so that we can alert Blackland Farm of his or her needs.

**Medication:** You will be sent a medical questionnaire later, which will ask for details of any health or medical conditions and medication required. All medication, including Paracetamol etc will be kept and administered by staff. If you have any queries about this, or would like to discuss anything in confidence, then please come and see me. If your child has specific medical needs, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can discuss any necessary adaptations well in advance.

**Code of Conduct:** Students must note that expectations of behaviour are the same as those maintained in school. Whilst I am confident that the children will meet the high standards of behaviour we always expect, I would like to make it clear that any behaviour that compromises the enjoyment or safety of others will be dealt with very seriously and in accordance with our behaviour policy. Participation on the trip is also dependent on good behaviour in school over the next year.

**Clothing and equipment:** Your child will need little or no new clothing. You will be sent a kit list nearer the time, but they will mainly require sports clothes, preferably old and lots of layers! Jewellery is not to be taken, as they cannot wear it on any of the activities, although a watch is useful to ensure they are on time to activities! **A sleeping bag, sheet and pillow will be required for each child.** Mobile phones are not permitted.

**Non-residential pupils:** If your child chooses not to attend the residential, there will be an alternative 'Activity Week' at school with two daytrips and three school-based days where they will take part in sports, arts and crafts activities, cooking etc. To enable these day trips to happen, there will be a cost of approximately £30, but this will be organised in 2025 once we know how many pupils this involves.


I appreciate that this is a lot of information and that it may seem rather premature as the trip is a year away, but I also recognise the need for parents to be aware of the nature of the trip before committing to payment. It really is an amazing trip and the children benefit greatly from going. They are given the chance to experience many things they are unlikely to have done before and may never do again. For some of the children it is their first time away from home and many of them mature a considerable amount in one week!

If the full cost of the trip would stop your child from attending, please come and speak to me before the deadline for deposits and we can discuss the financial support that may be available.

Please note, that once the deadline for deposits has passed, we will not be able to add any further children to the residential unless someone drops out and a space becomes available.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at via email on [lgianella@gossopsgreen.org.uk](mailto:lgianella@gossopsgreen.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



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