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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

## **Year 4 Bushcraft Residential – May 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers

This year, our Year 4 residential will take place at Bushcraft in Penshurst Place. This residential invites children to take part in an unforgettable experience in the great outdoors. The children will enjoy two days of outdoor activities with one night of camping, and we will travel from school by coach. Our school will have its own private campsite and be supported by both Bushcraft and Riverbridge staff. There will be a wonderful programme of activities on offer, supporting children in developing a broad range of skills, as well as offering fun and memorable experiences.

### **What is Bushcraft?**

The children will take part in a one-night stay with a difference they will be entertained and engaged through a wide range of purposeful, enriching activities and workshops including fire making, shelter building, trap making, woodland games, camp fire fun and so much more! In addition, there will be evening entertainment activities too. Hot, tasty, fresh meals will be made on site, ensuring all dietary requirements are catered for. This Bushcraft experience will provide the children with opportunities to develop key life skills whilst also creating memories that last a lifetime.

### **When?**

We will be going to Bushcraft from **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**. The children will be picked up by coach early on Thursday morning arriving in time for a welcome briefing & snack before taking part in the first activity; this will be followed by lunch, further activities, afternoon snack, evening meal & evening activities. On the Friday the children will have breakfast, morning activities and lunch before they return to school in the afternoon. Drop off and pick up times will be communicated nearer the time.

### **Parent Information Evening**

To provide further information about the trip, we will be holding a parent information evening on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the school hall**. Your child from Year 4 is welcome to attend with you.

Bushcraft are also holding a Teams meeting which you are welcome to join virtually on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm. A link to this meeting will be sent out nearer the time. This will be a good opportunity to hear about the trip from Bushcraft staff.

Further information and medical questionnaires will be sent to you in due course.



## **Payment**

The total price of the residential, including a voluntary contribution of £62 and compulsory contribution of £58, is £120 and includes: accommodation, transport, all activities/workshops and meals that are cooked on site. Unfortunately, and with regret, should we not have sufficient families paying the full amount, including the voluntary element, then we will have no choice but to cancel the trip.

To secure a place for your child we ask that you tick the online consent box on Scopay by **Monday 9th December 2024** and make a payment for the non-refundable deposit of £15.

The cost of the residential will be payable in instalments as detailed in the following payment plan. We do appreciate that Year 4 had their trip to Ufton Court last week, please do not hesitate to make smaller payments for the residential to spread the cost. If the deposit payment needs to be a smaller amount this is of course not a problem. The payment can be made in full if you prefer and as always, if the cost is a concern, please speak to the school office in confidence

Monday 9th December 2024	£15 Deposit
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	£15
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	£30
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	£30
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	£30

Once you have booked a place for your child, you are committed to the cost even if your child cannot attend, irrespective of the circumstances, unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

We are very keen to do all that we can to enable all of our children to participate in the residential. In planning the activities, we have tried to balance the children's social-emotional development, affordability, relevance to learning in curriculum areas and enjoyment. The children gain so much from being part of a whole group experience and will form treasured memories which remain long after school days are over. If there is any aspect of the trip that gives you or your child cause for concern, please speak to your class teacher.

Kind regards,



Mrs Phelan  
Year 4 Lead