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Dear Parents

Year 5 Residential trip to Avon Tyrrell
Monday 19th April - Friday 23rd April 2010-01-13



With our exciting Avon Tyrrell residential trip; near enough just three months away I thought it time to relay to you the exact cost and details concerning the activities arranged. Having now received the activity itinerary from Avon Tyrrell, the final cost for the complete experience is £240.

Please could you ensure that the full balance is paid to the office before the end of March, cheques are to be made payable to 'Hampshire County Council or HCC'. Please feel free to continue paying in instalments over the next couple of months as previously explained or as a larger payment at the end of March.

I recommend that you take out your own holiday insurance to cover cancellation and loss of personal belongings. We will send out further information about pocket money, clothing, medical data etc. nearer to the trip.

This package includes all the meals prepared on site, a packed week of exciting activities, a BBQ on the Thursday followed by the disco as well as a soft comfy bed for a well earned nights sleep!



The full list of activities includes archery, kayaking, raft building, use of the swimming pool, climbing, abseiling, low ropes, mammal trapping and mountain biking. There will also be a series of discussion and circle time activities, led by the teachers, centred on the four Rs learning which include Resilience, Reciprocity, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness. We have found this so powerful in terms of helping the children to bond and understand better ways of working individually and as a team on tasks.

All the activities are led by Avon Tyrrell's fully qualified instructors who ensure the children have a wonderfully fulfilling experience throughout the whole week.

I am planning to host an Avon Tyrrell information meeting within the last few weeks before the end of term; I will issue a letter soon with the date. Parents found this extremely valuable last year to discuss the week as a whole as well as putting to rest any individual concerns. A full item itinerary will be sent out with a month to go, giving everyone plenty of time to put their packs together.

There are still a couple of families who have not contacted me or put down a deposit. I am assuming everyone is going until I hear otherwise. Please do not hesitate to contact me via a Wednesday drop-in to discuss your child's needs specifically.

Finally, you may have noticed that Monday 19th April 2010 is an INSET day at school. This will not impact on Avon Tyrrell and staff will be ready to greet your children on that first morning.

Kind regards



Rich Warren
Educational Visits Co-ordinator