



Tuesday 3rd March 2020.

Dear Parents/ Carers

This year we will be returning to Viney Hill for our Year 6 residential. The dates for this trip will be Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October 2020.

Viney Hill is a superb centre and last year's pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit. It is set in the heart of the Forest of Dean; nestled between the River Severn and River Wye. For the duration of our visit we will have exclusive use of the entire site. This provides us with excellent flexibility in terms of the activities we can offer. The centre is well equipped with indoor and outdoor space and is ideally situated for 'outward bound' style activities which will be challenging and fun for the children as well as being great for team building, leadership skills and quiet reflection.

Pupils will participate in a range of activities led by qualified instructors. We have yet to finalize all the activities but they will include caving in local caves, climbing, cycling and exploring the woods adjoining the Centre. Minchinhampton school staff will also lead evening activities and creative arts based activities.

Facilities at the Centre are of a very high standard. Pupils will either stay in dormitories of up to 10 in the main house (The Old Vicarage), or in chalet style buildings in the grounds. At all times a member of Minchinhampton staff will be close by. All food (apart from a packed lunch on the day of departure) will be provided by the Centre.

We are waiting to finalize the cost for this trip; the cost will be approximately £260.00. Once we have had the invoices back we will be asking for a deposit to secure your child's place by March 2020. We appreciate that trips are an additional expense and we welcome anyone who may have concerns with financing this trip to call in and have a chat with myself. This will of course be confidential.

We also appreciate that for some children spending this amount of time away from home can be the biggest challenge of all and the thought of going can make them very anxious. However please know that children returning from the trip have reliably turned a corner and come back happy and happy to have gone. We will bend over backwards and do whatever it takes to support you and your child if they are worried.

In order to provide you with further information about Viney Hill and our activities, we will be holding an information evening on **Thursday 19th March at 18:00pm**. Here you will be able to

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see a presentation of photos from previous visits and we can answer any questions that you might have.

Yours sincerely,

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