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Thursday 13th May 2021

RE: Year 6 Thriftwood

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are happy to announce that we have confirmed our Year 6 booking for Thriftwood. On **Thursday 17th June** we will be taking the children to the Thriftwood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre near Brentwood for a jam-packed day of fun and activities!

The children will take part in **five activities, which will likely include** Climbing & Abseiling, Zipline and Archery.

As we need to arrive at Thriftwood by 9:45am on the day, we will need to leave the school at 8:30am to allow for traffic. Please can all of the children arrive in school between 8:10am and 8:20am. Mrs. Dyer and Miss Gibbons will take their class registers and the children will have a final opportunity to use the toilet before heading onto the coach. **The children will arrive back to school at approximately 4:30pm.**

Please rest assured that all necessary risk assessments will be completed and COVID restrictions will be considered. If COVID restrictions still exist, the children will sit with others from their class bubble on the coach. Windows will be open for ventilation. Whilst at Thriftwood, the children will enjoy the activities in their class bubbles if necessary. We are confident that the children will have a safe, fun and inspiring day.

As the visit involves adventurous activities led by qualified instructors and coach travel, it will not be a surprise that this trip is more expensive than others that we do. However, we are pleased to share that we will be subsidising the visit to bring the cost down to £25. Typically, we would provide more time to pay but, due to the pandemic and Thriftwood's availability, this has not been possible on this occasion. Please use ParentPay to make your payment, which will also act as your permission for your child to attend this school trip. This needs to be paid by Friday 11th June to allow us to finalise our booking.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the day. **If your child is eligible for free school meals** and you would like them to have a school packed lunch, please complete the survey by clicking on the link below or by using the QR code. As there is an onsite shop at Thriftwood, the children can bring up to £5 if they wish to. The children will be responsible for looking after their own money.

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I hope you will agree that the visit will offer some wonderful experiences for your child and after such a difficult time over the past 15 months, a fantastic escape. Although it is of course not a residential, it should still be a great event to mark the closing of the children's time at Friars.

Further information will follow closer to the visit. If you have any related questions please contact our school office or email the Year 6 email account.

Yours sincerely,

C. McClay

Mr. C. McClay
Principal