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Dear parent/carers,

In February 2020, following consultation with parents and close work with our Parent Board, it was decided that changes would be made to the historical residential structure across school (Y4 going to Beeston and Year 6 visiting Kingswood) in the academic year 2020-2021. However, due to the pandemic and the restrictions put in place, we were not able to implement the changes. New guidance states that residential educational visits can resume from 17th May.

In line with the expectations of the National Curriculum, practice within other schools and, most importantly, the needs of our children, the decision was made to have the following residential structure:

Year group	Location	Duration	Date	Cost (approx)
Two	Burwardsley Outdoor Education Centre	1 night	July	£76
Four	Kingswood Centre, Colomendy, North Wales https://www.kingswood.co.uk	2 nights	April	£160
Six	Arete Centre, Caernarfon https://www.aretecentre.co.uk/	4 nights	October	£310

The purpose of the structure of the residential trips across the primary years enables us to meet the requirements of the PE curriculum and offer children the opportunity to develop in the humanities. Further developing the social and emotional resilience of the children is often one of the main aspects of any residential and it is believed that doing this in key stage one is essential. The trips have been carefully chosen to meet the needs of our robins and their safety and enjoyment will be paramount throughout.

We are always very mindful of the financial implications of residential visits, particularly taking into consideration how our families' financial circumstances may have changed over the last year. In addition, there are smaller cohorts in school which may mean the cost is increased when adding



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additional costs such as transport. We also recognise that there are families who have siblings in more than one year group who would be going on a residential which may add an additional financial burden.

After much thought, we think we have come up with 'a plan'. Every year, at different times of the school year, each class will be engaged in an enterprise: a little like Dragon's Den. They will be given a set amount of money to start them off and then they can decide what they are going to do to make a profit. We have done this in the past and the children have loved it! The best part is that whatever profit they make as a class, will be deducted from the overall cost of the residential thus reducing the cost of parental contributions.

Let us explain in more detail using our next reception class as an example:

Year of an enterprise	Residential working towards and cost (Overall cost based on 30 children using the above approximate costs)	Profit made based on every child raising £20 as part of the enterprise.	Remaining cost
Reception	Beeston	£600	
Year 1	Beeston (£2,280)	£600 + £600 = £1,200 when added to their enterprise in Year 1	The balance remaining is £1,080 and when divided by 30 is £36, less than half the original cost of the residential.
Year 2	Kingswood	£600	
Year 3	Kingswood (£4,800)	£600 + £600 = £1,200 when added to their enterprise in Year 3	The balance remaining is £3,600 and when divided by 30 is £120, a reduction of £40.
Year 4	Arete	£600	
Year 5	Arete (£9,300)	£600 + £600 = £1,200 when added to their enterprise in Year 5	The balance remaining is £8,100 and when divided by 30 is £270, a reduction of £40.
Year 6	Year 6 will complete a Dragon's Den in order to raise funds for something for school – to leave a legacy.		

It is hoped that as the children get older, their ambition and motivation to improve their enterprise skills would result in a higher profit resulting in a greater contribution to the reduction in the cost for each child. However, the important thing is that the children are able to apply the Newchurch core



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values to their enterprise and involve the wider community. We also appreciate that in the first year, the reduction through the enterprise will not be as large as it will be when this process is in full flow.

To support parents in their financial planning, we will set up payment plans to run over the full year and any children in receipt of benefits related free school meals will have some of the residential subsidised in line with our pupil premium policy.

Our schedule for the implementation of the enterprises will be as such:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 5	Year 2	Year 4	Year 1	Year 3	Year 6 Reception

Further correspondence, specific to the year groups where a residential is planned for next year, will be sent out very soon.

We do hope that you can see we have carefully considered how we can make these enrichments happen for the children whilst also teaching them about reciprocity, responsibility, resourcefulness and resilience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mr John Duckett

Deputy Headteacher



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