

# Hawthorn Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Proposed Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight**

**17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**

Following the successful residential visit to the Isle of Wight that took place last summer, we are hoping to again lead a similar residential visit for our current year 5 and 6 children. Although we are intending to visit the same venue as last year, we are looking at making amendments to the itinerary, so that even if your child attended the trip last year, there will be some different activities available for them to try this year.

Residential courses organised by the school are an optional, but a valuable part of the National Curriculum and pupils who are able to attend benefit hugely from the experience, both educationally and socially. However, residential visits are not cheap and as a school we are unable to subsidise this trip and we realise that cost may be a prohibiting factor for many families. Please be assured that if your child is unable to attend this trip, there will still be an opportunity for them to undertake an off-site day visit with their class during the summer term.

The trip is once again being organised through 'Activity Island Limited' who are specialist providers of residential visits for primary school children and the children will be based in The Sandhill Hotel in Sandown.

We will be arranging a parents evening to explain more details of the trip next term, but first need to ensure that there is sufficient interest for the trip to go ahead. Although the exact costings for this trip are not yet known, we anticipate that it should not exceed £350, but this will be dependant on the number of children who attend and the activities that the children will undertake whilst on the visit. This figure includes hotel accommodation, meals, coach and ferry transport and all activities. An exact costing for the trip will be made available as soon as we have confirmed the number of children attending the trip, as the more children who attend the cheaper it becomes because of the sharing out of the cost of coach hire.

Places are limited to a maximum of 53, but a minimum number of 30 children will be needed in order for the trip to proceed. If you would like your child to accompany this trip, please complete the attached slip or complete the online form by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5 pm** to express your interest. No money will be required or accepted at this stage. This will add your child's name to the list. Should the number of children who wish to attend the residential be more than the number of spaces available, places will be allocated according to the following criteria:

1. Any year 6 child who has not previously attended a residential;
2. Any other year 6 child (as this will be their final opportunity to attend a residential whilst at Hawthorn);

3. Year 5 children (who will have the opportunity to attend a residential visit in year 6 if they are unable to attend this year).

Children's names will be randomly drawn out of a hat to allocate spaces should it be necessary, once the above criteria 1 and 2 have been satisfied. You will be informed by text message or app message on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** if your child has been allocated a space or if they have been put on the waiting list.

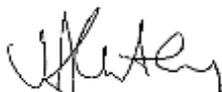
Should your child be allocated a space on the residential, a non-refundable deposit of £50 must be received in school or paid online by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am** to secure this place. Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the office or online via the School Gateway. If the deposit is not received by the deadline your child's space may be withdrawn and allocated to someone on the waiting list.

In order to allow us to meet the payments required by the company we are using, minimum payments must be made by certain dates. I am unable to confirm the actual dates for payments (other than the initial deposit of £50 by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**) until our booking is confirmed, but the full balance will need to be paid 8 weeks prior to the departure date.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, you may choose to use all, or part of their annual Pupil Premium allocation of £100 towards this trip (please note that the deposit will need to be paid up front and not from Pupil Premium). Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss a Pupil Premium contribution.

Should you require any further information about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Miss Blakeley, who led last year's trip.

Yours sincerely



**Julie Clubley**  
**Headteacher**

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### **Proposed Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight (Years 5 & 6)**

**Name of child:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

✓ I would like my child to take part in the residential trip to the Isle of Wight from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. I understand, that if allocated a place I will need to provide a non-refundable deposit of £50 to secure the space, by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Link to online form:** <https://www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk/form/?pid=108&form=619>