



# MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

## **Reference: Year 6 Residential to Huish Woods**

Unfortunately, due to the Government extending Coronavirus restrictions until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we have been informed by Huish Woods that we are unable to go ahead with our residential as originally planned. We will still be holding the residential, however each class will only be able to attend for one day and one night due to the restrictions on numbers which are allowed to be present onsite together.

The first two days of the Year 6 activity week will remain the same as previously planned, with all children enjoying activities including art, cooking with a professional chef and sport. Normal lunch arrangements apply to these two days.

Please take note of the following important information which is different depending on which class your child is in:

**Hérons will be going to Huish Woods on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** and staying overnight. The kit list remains the same but is for one night instead of two. Children will need to bring a packed lunch from home to eat during the day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal a packed lunch will be provided for them.

Children will return directly to school from the residential on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and we will provide lunch in school for all children on this day. Normal home time arrangements will apply for your child to go home at the end of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Otters will be going to Huish Woods on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** and staying overnight. The kit list remains the same but is for one night instead of two. Children will need to bring a packed lunch from home for the day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal a packed lunch will be provided for them.

Children will return directly to school from the residential on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and we will provide lunch in school for all children on this day. Normal home time arrangements will apply for your child to go home at the end of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

The children will still be enjoying all the activities planned, however they will be spread throughout one day instead of two.

### **Transport to and from Huish woods**

As the numbers of children in attendance each day has had to reduce, we are now pleased to be able to provide transport to and from the residential, therefore parents do not need to take children to/from Huish Woods on either day. Please ensure all children are in school on time for the start of their normal school day so that the coach can leave promptly. **This transport will be fully funded by the school and will involve no extra cost to parents.**

### **The rest of the week**

We are currently busy planning all the other activities for the time children spend in school and will let you know these details as soon as they are finalised, but please be assured they will be fun and varied and at

no cost to parents! Children can come to school in non-uniform for the whole of the enrichment week.

#### Refund of some money paid

As a school we appreciate and fully understand what a challenging time this past academic year has been for all children and especially our Year 6 leavers. We are therefore happy to inform you that the school will fund all activities for the week, with the exception of the cost of this restricted residential, for all children. The cost of the overnight stay including all activities is £35. This cost is for the accommodation and Huish Woods activities only, the school are funding all food and transport. All other money paid will be refunded.

We have tried very hard to keep the cost as low as possible, but because of the restrictions imposed due to Covid, the maximum number of children permitted per group has decreased therefore Huish Woods have no option but to use more instructors than previously planned. Likewise, the number of rooms required for the children to stay overnight has increased as smaller groups of children are permitted to share a sleeping space. We hope that you will understand the predicament we find ourselves in and that you support our decision to go ahead with the altered plans.

Parents will soon receive a refund to your ParentPay account for any surplus money paid over and above the cost of the residential and hope you will see this as our gesture of goodwill for the changes to the residential and as our commitment to wanting the best for each of the children and their family.

We sincerely apologise for this change and are hugely disappointed but we must follow the guidance and make appropriate changes as and when the Government and the Department for Education make them.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to the Year 6 team. Alternatively, you can email them using the Year 6 email address: [y6@manorcourt.ppat365.org](mailto:y6@manorcourt.ppat365.org).

Thank you for your ongoing and continued support.

Yours sincerely.



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