



**St Paul's C of E Junior School**

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Dear Parents,

Happily lockdown restrictions are easing and the government have given permission for children to be able to take part in residential activities again provided the venue is Covid secure. We are therefore delighted to be able to offer the children currently in Year 5 the opportunity to participate in a residential activity week at PGL, Liddington Fox Hill, Swindon SN4 0DZ during October 2021. The centre offers a high standard of outdoor education and is part of the PGL Group, which is fully bonded with ABTA.

Activities are organised and supervised by fully qualified instructors who have considerable experience of working with children. The facilities are excellent and any specialised equipment needed for activities is provided by the Centre.

The schedule of activities is tailored to suit the needs of individual schools as much of the work is linked to the National Curriculum. A varied range of activities is available, including: problem solving; raft building; climbing and abseiling; orienteering and zip wire.

The dates for the Autumn 2021 trip are Tuesday 19th October - Friday 22nd October 2021.

As we are unable to invite you into school for a presentation about the trip at the moment, we will instead shortly be posting a video along with some information about the trip and the activities the children will be involved in on our website. If you have any questions after viewing the information please email them to the office and we will endeavour to answer them. We will also post any that might be relevant to everyone on the website along with our answer. There is also a parents guide and a video on the PGL website at <http://www.pgl.co.uk/PGLWeb/Schools/Primary-schools> to give you an idea of the week.

The cost of the trip is made up as follows:

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| Board and Lodging     | £183.70 |
| Activities and travel | £171.30 |
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| Total                 | £355.00 |

The amount of £355 represents the actual cost per child.

To secure a place for your child, please complete and submit the form under the forms section of Parentmail by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, with a non refundable deposit of £60. Payment should preferably be made via our online payment system or by cash or cheque made payable to St Paul's Junior School. Should insufficient payments be received, the trip will have to be cancelled.



The cost is able to be paid in installments or in a lump sum. Unfortunately as we have only just been able to confirm the trip the payments can only be spread over 4 payments plus the deposit.

PGL have a Book with Confidence Scheme whereby if Covid disrupts our plans then they will endeavour to provide an alternative date for the trip or offer a full refund (including the deposit) if that can't be managed. Please see their website for full information regarding this. (Click on the PGL logo and then wait for the moving photo banner to show Book with confidence, and then click on the first of the white dots).

We are very aware that this is a difficult time to be asking parents for such a large amount of money, and would invite anyone with a request for a reduction or waiver of costs to speak to Mrs Taylor who will be happy to meet with you to explore options. Each request will be treated sympathetically, in the strictest confidence, and on an individual basis.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Bond  
Party Leader

