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## YEAR 4 AYLMERTON RESIDENTIAL 2023 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The time has come to start thinking about next year's Year 4 residential visit to Aylmerton in April 2023.

## Why do we provide the opportunity of residential visits?

*'We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstance.'* This is a statement from the *'Learning Outside the Classroom'* Manifesto'

We, as a school, believe that these visits provide an invaluable part of your children's education and therefore totally support this statement.

Well-planned, safely managed and personalised learning experiences outdoors can:

- \* Improve academic achievement
- \* Develop skills and independence
- \* Make learning more engaging and relevant
- \* Develop active citizens
- \* Nurture creativity
- \* Stimulate, inspire, motivate and challenge.

Aylmerton Field Study Centre is a small family run business established in 1989 by Alan and Veronica Marett (one having been a special needs specialist and the other a former head teacher).

The centre is housed in the old school building, it is approximately a 2 hour journey and is close to Cromer on the North Norfolk Coast just off the A148.

















The intention of the visit is to develop areas of study, which will be geography and science based and which are not always possible within school. Although not essential, it is a desirable part of your child's education. We have found from previous residential visits that not only do the children find them extremely enjoyable but they have a very positive impact on the development of their social as well as academic skills. Staff from school will accompany the children at all times although the centre's trained teaching staff will deliver the sessions.

The estimated cost is **£225-£230.** Please see the accompanying leaflet for a breakdown of costs. It is currently an "estimated" price as the seal boat tours have not released their 2023 prices. The trip however will be no more than £230 and as soon as we know the exact price we will let you know. Please note, that if you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding there will be a reduction of 10%. The cost covers their board, lodgings and transport as well as all the activities.

If you wish to pay on a weekly/monthly basis we are happy to accept this. Remember, payments can be made online with whichever amounts and whenever you wish (for example £10 a week is okay) however the full balance needs to be fully paid off by 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

As a school. we recommend following the suggested Payment Plan outlined below which will give parents summer and Christmas payment breaks:

July/August 2022 - £30 deposit (due 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022) September 2022 - £40 October 2022 - £40 November 2022 - £40 February 2023 - £40 March 2023 - Remaining balance between £35-£40 (depending on final costs)

We can take a maximum number of 55 pupils. If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this visit, please pay the £30 deposit on ParentPay by 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. By paying on ParentPay, it automatically provides the consent that you wish your child to attend. Spaces are reserved on a first come first served basis and the deposits are non-refundable unless A) we have a waiting list or B) your child leaves the school.

Accompanying this letter is a small leaflet with a little bit more information however nearer the time, and if you are successful in securing a place, we will give you more detailed information about the visit and add you to a new, specific classdojo "trip" group.

If you still have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on adamhowlett@southfields.peterborough.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Howlett Educational Visits Coordinator















