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Dear Parents and Carers

Current Y4 children – Y5 Residential Trip to Little Deer Wood, Mirfield – OCTOBER 2026

We are writing to inform you about a change to the Year 5 residential experience for the next academic year. In previous years, we have offered an overnight residential; however, due to changes outside of our control, this will now take place as a full-day residential experience rather than including an overnight stay. Unfortunately, many residential providers are no longer offering one-night stays, as they are not cost-effective to run. In addition, our previous provider, Kingswood, has recently gone into administration and is therefore no longer able to offer residential visits.

After careful consideration, we are pleased to confirm that the new venue for our Year 5 residential will be **Little Deer Wood in Mirfield**. This will be a one-day residential experience, where pupils will take part in a full programme of outdoor and adventurous activities. Importantly, children will still experience the same type and quantity of activities that they would have during an overnight residential. These will include team-building challenges, problem-solving tasks and outdoor learning experiences designed to build confidence, resilience and independence. The only difference is that pupils will return home at the end of the day rather than staying overnight. We believe this change still offers a valuable and memorable experience for all pupils while ensuring the visit remains accessible, safe and enjoyable.

The activity day will be on **Friday 2nd October 2026 from 9.15am – 4.00pm** (leaving school at 8.45am and returning at approx. 4.45pm). The cost per child will be £34.00 for the day. The BSA have kindly agreed to pay the cost of the minibuses. Parental contributions can be made on School Spider and will be non-refundable. Payments should be made by Friday 18th September 2026. **If your child is in receipt of free school meals or pupil premium funding, this cost will be met by school.**

All children will require a packed lunch for the day. Those children who currently have school dinners will be provided with a grab bag from school on the morning of the trip – if your child would prefer to bring a packed lunch from home please indicate on the survey.

Please discuss the trip with your child and then complete the School Spider survey by Friday 17th July at the latest, indicating whether your child will be taking part or not. If you need any further information before making your decision, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Wilde

Y5 Teacher & Deputy Headteacher

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May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed Psalm 20:4*

