

Shirley Community Primary School

Shirley Pre-School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Residential Trip to Grafham Water Centre 20th-22nd January 2021

We are delighted to inform you that Year 6 pupils will be taking part in their annual residential visit to **Grafham Water Residential Centre** near Huntingdon, between **Wednesday 20th January and Friday 22nd January 2021**.

Children and staff will travel by coach, which will take around 40 minutes from Shirley.

Residential trips provide a great opportunity for children to develop self-confidence, experience new activities and make memories with their friends. **We would therefore like all Year 6 pupils to participate!**

Grafham offer a wide range of exciting adventurous activities. The centre has an excellent reputation for delivering high quality residential experiences for over 40 years, with many accreditations for Outdoor Learning. Last year the children enjoyed a very rewarding visit; centre staff work hard with us to ensure safe, exciting and enjoyable experiences. We will share further details and photos with children in class, however some of the many activities which will be chosen nearer the time, include: **sailing, climbing, mountain biking, raft building, canoeing, archery, windsurfing, orienteering, problem solving as well as many others.**

All activities are taught by highly experienced and qualified leaders who are inspirational role-models for our pupils. The children will gain increased self-confidence, improved communication, leadership and team-building skills. All necessary equipment and specialised clothing will be provided by Grafham Water Centre, so there are no hidden extras or additional costs involved. Further information is available at: <http://www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk/>

We would like all Year 6 children to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity so we are delighted to have been able to secure funding from the school budget to greatly subsidise the cost for this special trip for parents with discounted costs are as follows:

Two options are available for this trip:

- **£120 total for the FULL THREE DAY RESIDENTIAL TRIP**, including all activities, meals and coach travel both ways. **A non-refundable deposit of £40 must be paid by Friday 23rd October, with a second payment of £40 received by Friday 27th November and a final payment of £40 received by Thursday 17th December**
- OR
- **£40 total for a ONE DAY VISIT on Thursday 21st January**, including all activities, lunch and dinner. **Please note you must provide your own transport for your child to get to and from the venue.** **A non-refundable deposit of £20 must be paid by Friday 23rd October, with a second payment of £20 received by Thursday 17th December.**



Please note we are also writing separately to parents and carers of children who attract Pupil Premium Funding.

If your child does NOT receive Pupil Premium funding and you are experiencing financial hardship, in some cases we may be able to provide assistance to help with the cost of the trip. Please contact the school office if you would like to receive an application form for consideration of assistance in exceptional circumstances. Completed applications must be marked CONFIDENTIAL and received by Mr Cattermole by **Friday 16th October**. Please note a deposit and consent form will be required even if your application for assistance is successful. We will respond to any requests for assistance within 10 working days.

Covid-19 Safety

Grafham Water Residential Centre has recently been awarded Visit England's 'We're Good to Go' charter mark. This means that centre meets the Government and Public Health guidance on Covid-19 with all required health and safety processes in place to ensure schools can visit the Centre safely.

Adaptations have been made to ensure activities adhere with social distancing guidelines and prevent any interaction with other schools. These changes include:

- Activities that normally take place indoors have where possible been replaced or moved outside
- The need for children to share equipment will be minimised
- The Centre will ensure good hand hygiene using sanitiser before, during and after activities.

If this trip is unable to go ahead at this time, due to a change in Government guidance (e.g. Local or national lockdown) or due to the centre closing for health and safety reasons, we will look to postpone it for a later date, or if it is cancelled, and we are not able to go, any money paid will be refunded to you.

For further information, please visit the Graffham Water Centre website which outlines all of the safety regulations that are in currently in place, in response to Covid-19: <https://www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk/covid-19/>

In order to secure your child's place for Grafham 2021, **please return the permission slip below along with your deposit**. You can leave your slip and cheque in the mail box situated just inside the school main door or pay online using the school's secure online payments system. Cash payments can be made using our payment book which will be signed and returned to you in a plastic wallet.

If you require any further information please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

We hope you are as excited as we are at the prospect of this fantastic, subsidised opportunity and we look forward to receiving your deposit and consent form.

Yours sincerely

Miss Owen and Mr Wayland
Year 6 Class Teachers

Mr Cattermole
Headteacher



Year 6 Trip to Grafham Water: Wednesday 20th- Friday 22nd January 2021 (3 day) / Thursday 21st January (1 day)

I give permission for (child's name) _____ to visit Grafham Water Centre from **Wednesday 20th January 2021-Friday 22nd January 2021**

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of **£40** for the 3 day trip.

I give permission for (child's full name) _____ to visit Grafham Water for **ONE DAY** on **Thursday 21st January 2021**. I understand I will be responsible for their transport.

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of **£20** for the 1 day trip.

Signed _____

Date _____

Parent/Carer name: _____ (Please print)

