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Friday 26th March 2021.

Re: Year 6 Adventure Week

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that the Year 6 children are really keen to still go on their Adventure Week to Simonsbath House. As you will be aware, the DfE guidance still states that educational trips cannot take place but with a routemap now established, we are hopeful that the status will change over the summer term. This decision is in the hands of the DfE, rather than schools, and will be dependent on the R rate.

We want to do all we can to ensure that, should there be a possibility of the residential visits being permitted, we are ready to take your children away. To increase the likelihood of the trip going ahead, we have discussed changing the dates with Simonsbath House Outdoors Centre. This would also give us, and them, more time to implement any extra precautions. We are now pleased to confirm that we have been offered, and accepted, a later date for the week commencing 7th June.

The added advantage of this week is that it minimalises the risk of having to cancel the trip for all pupils due to a potential positive case. As you are aware, if any child in a pod contracts Covid 19, the whole pod would need to isolate for 10 days. By having half term the week prior to camp, this lowers the risk as the children have not mixed together. It is vitally important to think about social distancing for yourselves and your children during half term and making sure mixing with others is limited and within government guidelines. Our main aim is to keep children and adults safe on their return to school and at camp by having no positive cases.

Previously we have invited all Year 6 parents in to school for a presentation and questions and answers session. Due to the current restrictions, here is a link of a presentation about Year 6 Camp instead. It is 27 minutes long as there is a lot of information to cover so please grab a cuppa before you press play! I have also attached some questions and answers most commonly asked for you to read. Of course, if you have a question not on the document, please feel free to email me at muller@stjohnsprimary.org.uk

Year 6 Camp Presentation-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cfn0anQeGYWMdF4w2FDaibOeQtIOtmdl/view?usp=sharing>

Now we have a confirmed date, and in order to ensure we are well placed for the trip to proceed, we will need to start taking deposits. The total cost of the trip is anticipated to be around £320 (this will depend on the activities that we are currently unable to determine due to Covid) and we require a deposit of **£50 by Monday 19th April**. A payment option will go live on Parentmail on Monday 29th March at 9am. Obviously, if there is no change in the government guidance and we are not able to go

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to Simonsbath as planned, the deposit will be returned in full.

While deposits are being taken, we will continue to update you with any new information as we receive it. We know that this is a real highlight for the children and we would love all of them to go. If you are concerned about your ability to pay for the trip, please do contact the office who will inform Mr Hoye and seek a way for the school to offer financial support.

We also recognise that this year is exceptional so if you are concerned and have already decided your child will not be attending camp, please let Mr Allcock know by email – muller@stjohnsprimary.org.uk. The manager at Simonsbath needs to know numbers before we arrive so we will need these confirmed by the start of term 5.

Hopefully, we will hear confirmation of a change in the guidance soon, and with a new later date, there is an increased likelihood of the trip proceeding. If deposits are paid, places will be secured and we can react quickly to finalise payments and ensure all of your children can enjoy a fantastic week together on Exmoor.

Many thanks,

Mr Allcock