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September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### YEAR 6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION COURSE 5-9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

Our residential outdoor education course is undoubtedly one of the highlights for pupils in their last year at our school and is great fun. We will be visiting Yenworthy Outdoor Education Centre in Devon from 5-9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### The Centre

Yenworthy Lodge has been inspiring students with unique experiences in 'The Great Outdoors' since 1969. It is within walking distance of beautiful open moorland, ancient woods, wild rivers, rugged, dramatic cliffs and rocky shores; Yenworthy's proximity to a wide variety of environments creates endless opportunities for a truly complete outdoor educational experience.

Further information for parents can be found at <http://www.yenworthylodge.co.uk/cms/content/information-parents>

#### Opportunities

The courses are designed to support, challenge and develop all students with a wide range of outdoor activities, such as mountain walking, canoeing, orienteering, and problem solving and surfing. Each course contributes directly to the raising of pupil achievement through personal development and supports the values and aims of the National Curriculum. Evenings are structured and will typically involve problem solving activities together with review sessions designed to enable pupils to assess and reflect on daily progress. The programme of activities aims to develop responsibility, self-esteem, co-operation, trust and independence.

#### Accommodation

Accommodation will be in rooms of 4 or 6 with staff rooms nearby. There is a student lounge and a well equipped classrooms. The centre provides a fully catered dining facility apart from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February when children will need a packed lunch and drink.

#### Safety

Oxfordshire Outdoors has been operating safely in the outdoors since 1966. They have an excellent safety record extending back over 45 years. As required by law, the centres hold licences issued by the Adventure Activities Licencing Authority (AALS) which is part of the Health and Safety Executive. Inspections are carried out regularly and the rigorous process covers the safety management of activities, including risk assessments, staff qualifications and the maintenance of equipment associated with the activities. Our minibuses are fitted with seat belts and drivers are required to hold a minibus driver's licence issued by Oxfordshire County Council.

#### Cost

The current cost for a 5-day course is £325 per child. This includes transport between school and the centre, board and lodging, equipment, insurance and instruction. We believe it represents excellent value for money. Payment can be made in 3 installments of £110 £110 and £105

First due by 6/10  
Second due by 3/11  
Final and full payment by 8/12

If you have difficulty in finding this money, please speak to me or Mrs Hawkins in confidence.

In order to secure a place for your child please complete the slip below, detach and return to the school office with your first payment. Further details about the trip will be sent out nearer the time and there will be a meeting for parents and carers at the beginning of Term 2. In the meantime please ask if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Karen Donaghey  
Year 6



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Name of child .....

I would like my child to go on the above residential visit:

I enclose payment of £110 (first payment) Please make cheques payable to O.C.C.

Signed Parent/Guardian .....