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Dear Parent/Carer

Y6 SCHOOL JOURNEY 2021

I recently distributed the presentation outlining the trip to Hunstanton in Norfolk I would have shown you at an information evening on the Year 6 School Journey. This trip provides a starting point for most of the children's work in the weeks until the end of the summer term. The focus will be beach studies (coastal erosion and wildlife studies) and the history of the area. Each class will be going separately as the youth hostel is fairly small. Mr Harris' class will be going from Monday 17th May until Friday 21st May and Mrs Rooney's class will be going from Monday 24th May to Friday 28th May.

I am optimistic that the trip will take place and we have therefore been making bookings with suppliers and venues. We have secured assurance from these that, should the trip be cancelled due to a health situation such as Covid-19, the school will receive a refund on any payments made. We would like to extend this refund guarantee to parents as set out below.

The cost of the School Journey this year is £300 (those in receipt of free school meals will receive a discount). This represents very good value as it covers accommodation, three meals a day, coach travel every day and the cost of the daily excursions. We understand that you may be reluctant to pay for this at the moment but by giving you the option to pay in instalments we are trying to avoid asking you for a large sum of money nearer the time.

Should the trip be cancelled by the school we will refund all money paid by parents within 7-10 working days.

Payments can be made via your child's online account at www.scopay.com or via the Scopay app. Please find below details of two payment plans we have set up to help. You may follow one of these or pay different amounts as you prefer so long as the following has been received by the school at these key dates. When paying online you will note that Scopay will show option 2 but you are able to pay any amount online and at any time.

Friday 27th November - £50 deposit
Friday 19th February - £150 in total
Friday 16th April - £300 final payment

Option payments:

Option 1 – 3 instalments

£50 by 27th November 2020

£100 by 19th February 2021

£150 by 16th April 2021

Option 2 - 6 instalments

£50 by 27th November 2020

£50 by 18th December 2020

£50 by 15th January 2021

£50 by 12th February 2021

£50 by 5th March 2021

£50 by 16th April 2021

We know that the children will have a wonderful time and gain a huge amount from this experience. Please do contact either myself, Mrs Horrocks or the school office if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths
Headteacher