

All Saints' C of E (VC) Primary School

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10th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 Residential Visit and Meeting this Thursday 12th September at 3.30pm

As you know, we like to offer our Year 5's a residential trip as well as our Year 6's. The aim is to give them a different experience to their Year 6 visit whilst also preparing them for what it will be like to be away from home on a school residential. The Year 5 residential is always a shorter stay and children are away for just 2 nights.

Last year the Year 5's had a really wonderful visit to Fairplay House. The selection of activities they offered were of high quality, safely delivered, varied and exciting. The added bonus of Fairplay House is the location. As it is only a short drive away in Wickham Bishops we are able to save the cost of a coach. We plan to ask parents and carers to take and return the children where possible and this will be organised nearer the time.

Fairplay House (<https://www.fairplayhouse.org/>) is set in a natural location of 12 acres. It is worth looking at their website above to see their accommodation and range of activities. Central Park, our linked school in Newham, also goes there for their residential. We have chosen Fairplay House as it has the core values of Resilience, Independence and Teamwork at its heart. It has been running for more than 57 years, has an exemplary safety record and has instructors and staff who are highly qualified and have many years of experience. All the children sleep in the same building, boys on one floor and girls on another, and it has a central space for everyone to be together.

Our two night stay with the children is booked for Monday 10th February 2025 to Wednesday 12th February 2025 and the cost is £165 per child.

We are very excited about this opportunity and hope you will be too. We now invite you to secure a place for your child by paying a non-refundable **deposit of £45.00 by 30th September using the School Gateway App**. After the initial deposit the opportunity to pay a little each week online will then be available to you, with the full amount to be paid by **31st December**.

A meeting for you and your child to give you further details (including an idea of kit lists etc) and an opportunity to ask questions has been organised in the school hall for this **Thursday 12th September at 3.30pm**. A supervisor from the Activity Centre will also be on hand to talk to you about Fairplay House and what it offers. Please access the school via the main front doors for the meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime then please do let me know using the UKS2 phase email: year56@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Kind regards

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Year 5/6 Phase Leader

