

# MAYESPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Traditionally, Year 5 children at Mayespark have been given the opportunity to go on a residential educational visit. Due to COVID, we have not been able to run this visit for the last couple of years however we are pleased to be able to share our plans for a Year 5 2023 visit to PGL!

Our Year 5 residential visit to the PGL Liddington Activity Centre in Swindon will be taking place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## What's it all about?

It's about having fun while taking part in all sorts of adventurous activities designed to help your child learn and develop new skills and really shine as an individual and also as part of a team.

For many children this may be their first experience of staying away from home without you. PGL staff, I and other teachers from Mayespark will be on hand throughout to encourage, reassure and help, so that your child returns home even more confident and independent with a real sense of achievement.

We have chosen to book with PGL because not only do they offer excellent value but they also have a reassuring 50 years of experience organising trips for schools. Their extremely high standards ensure that your child will be in safe hands at all times and we have experienced this first hand by taking groups of Year 5 children to PGL for over four years.

Please feel free to explore the PGL website, where amongst other things, you will be able to take a virtual tour of the accommodation the children will be staying in and the facilities offered.

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>

## What does it cost?

As your child receives pupil premium funding, the cost per person is £90 which will be paid in 3 instalments prior to the trip. A non-refundable deposit of £30 is due by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022** to secure a place. The second instalment of £30 will be due by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. The remaining balance of £30 will be due by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. There are a limited number of places available for this visit, therefore these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We will also need to reach a minimum number of children for this educational visit to go ahead. Please note that once deposits have been paid to PGL they are not refundable.





The cost includes:

- Return coach travel from school
- A full daily programme of adventure activities
- Fun evening entertainment
- Full comprehensive travel insurance
- All meals and accommodation

Accommodation: We will be staying in the lodges, which have rooms with either 2 to 6 beds in. Children will only be in a room with children of the same gender.

There are no extras, however if you wish, you can provide up to £10 of pocket money for your child to spend in the gift shop but this is not essential.

**Timetable**

Monday: arrive at 12:30pm, 2 activities, dinner, evening entertainment

Tuesday: breakfast, 2 activities, lunch, 2 activities, dinner, evening entertainment

Wednesday: breakfast, 2 activities, lunch, depart at 1:30pm

The venue is less than three hours away so children will arrive slightly later than the normal home time on the Wednesday at approximately 4pm.

We fully appreciate that many parents will have lots of questions regarding this educational visit, particularly because it is a residential. Therefore, we are holding a parents' meeting on **Monday 7th November at 3:30-4pm**. At this meeting we shall provide more details about this opportunity and give time for parents to ask questions.

If you have any particular questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in the residential please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Darcy  
Residential Visit Leader



**CONSENT FORM**

Please return to the school office for Mr Darcy

I would like my child to go on the residential educational visit to Liddington PGL in Swindon.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return and ensure you have paid the deposit on Parentpay by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

My emergency contact number is: \_\_\_\_\_