



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong

Diocese of Plymouth

6th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Visit to Leeson House

Wednesday, 28th April 2021 to Friday, 30th April 2021

The above dates have been booked at Leeson House, Langton Matravers, Swanage during the summer term 2021 to enhance the pupils' study of the Isle of Purbeck.

In past years, this residential visit has proved very worthwhile. The trip not only supports our study of coastal erosion and sea defences, but children are also able to experience orienteering, map and compass work.

We are also aware, from past experience, that there are many social and pastoral benefits in a year group working together. In addition, there are many cross-curricular links that can be exploited when the children return to school. We have been fortunate yet again to secure exclusive use of Leeson House for Year 5 at a time of year when the weather should be favourable for outdoor work.

The parental contribution for board and lodgings and the expertise of the Leeson House staff will be **£136**. To help our school funds stretch further, we invite parents/carers to also make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport there and back of **£7.00**. **This would make the total amount due £143.00**. If the trip is unable to go ahead for reasons of the COVID 19 pandemic and government restrictions, all monies paid into school for this trip will be refunded.

Parents/Carers who are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below should contact the school as the cost of board and lodgings may be met from a different source:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Asylum Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit based on income below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

Please note that families who receive any level of Working Tax Credit are not entitled to claim remission for the cost of board and lodgings. Additionally, if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, a discount of up to 75% is available. Please contact the school office to discuss.

We would request that you please make the deposit of **£40.00 by Friday, 27th November 2020** online using ScoPay Internet Payments. If you do not already have an account set up with ScoPay, please contact the school office who will be able to provide your child's Pupil Link Number.

You will be asked to provide a further instalment of **£50.00 by Friday, 29th January 2021** with the remaining balance of **£53.00 due by Friday, 5th March 2021**, although parents can choose to pay in more frequent instalments or in full if preferred. Further information regarding your child's medical or dietary details etc. will be requested later. We will also supply you with a 'Kit List' for the trip in due course.

Please contact the school office should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Year 5 Class teachers

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