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Year 4 Residential Trip to Grafham Water Centre: Monday 11th September to Wednesday 13th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have just returned from another very successful residential trip to **Grafham Water Centre** with the Year 4 children. I feel very privileged that I have been on the Year 4 trip for the past 7 years now and it has been extremely rewarding to see how much the children grow and get out of it and I cannot endorse enough what a wonderful experience it is for them, as I'm sure they would all agree! We do feel the trip benefits the children hugely both educationally and socially and really helps them to develop lifelong learning skills like resilience, leadership, teamwork, independence and responsibility. It is also amazing to see how much their self-confidence grows. Therefore we are delighted to inform you that we will again be organising a three day residential educational adventure activity course at Grafham from **Monday 11th September to Wednesday 13th September 2017** for your children.

Grafham Water Centre provides an outstanding outdoor learning programme, which offers many rewarding and challenging outdoor activities. The activities will focus on developing key skills such as team building, self-confidence, social skills & working with others, problem solving & communication. These skills will help the children to become more powerful learners at school. They will have opportunities to expand their horizons and build their confidence and independence by trying new adventure & educational activities in a safe, secure setting. We will be arranging a parents' evening closer to the trip to explain further details. In the meantime if you wish to find out more please visit www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk (in particular the "Schools section").

Costs and Numbers – Some important changes.

- The total cost of the visit is likely to be **£185** (which includes accommodation, coach travel, insurance and full adult supervision) if the whole year group opt in to go.
- However, please note that if fewer pupils come on the trip, the price will rise slightly to cover the cost of the coach / accommodation. We will advise you of this once we know numbers..
- If you would like your child to attend, **please return the completed form with a deposit of £10 by Friday October 21st. Please note we cannot accept applications after this deadline.**
- After 21st October, when we can finalize numbers, we will send a payment schedule so that you can pay by instalments.
- **Once your child has been allocated a place on the trip, the deposit and interim payments are non-refundable.**
- Families who receive low income support benefits could be entitled to receive **Pupil Premium Free School Meals funding in school and may be entitled to some financial help** with the cost of this trip. Please speak to Mrs Snooke or to Mrs Drysdale in confidence if you consider this applies to you.



