



# Shirley Junior School

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## Year 5 Minstead Residential January 2025

Dear parent/carers,

As part of the Year 5 Spring 1 Geography project, we have secured a residential booking with the Minstead Study Centre in Lyndhurst.

The Minstead residential will be in support of their Geography project, 'There is no Planet B!'

This will allow the children to take a deeper look into the impacts of climate change across the world. This residential will be part of a week's long set of activities happening at school allowing children to develop geographical fieldwork skills, giving them time to reflect on their own eco-footprints and learning about the steps they can personally take to combat climate change.

Minstead offers the opportunity to stay in an eco-dormitory and a key focus of the trip will be on how energy can be used and created in a sustainable manner. The learning undertaken at the centre will be linked to their philosophy of 'Caring for the Earth, working co-operatively, taking responsibility for our actions and understanding the need to live sustainably. Children are able to establish and understand their connection, influence and responsibilities towards the people, plants and animals of Planet Earth,' which mirrors our aim of teaching in 'There is no Planet B!'

We hope that this opportunity will allow the children to experience first-hand what it means to live sustainably and allow them to be inspired to make achievable steps towards protecting the planet they live on.

This trip will be for 3 days and 2 nights split into 2 groups:	Details of the booking are as follows:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 25 (Group A, 10.30am arrival, 1.30pm departure)</li><li>29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 25 (Group B, 10.30am arrival, 1.30pm departure)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fully catered stay in timber framed eco-friendly dormitories</li><li>All bedding</li><li>Outdoor Activities</li><li>Travel to and from Minstead</li></ul>

Please follow the link below for more information on the Study Centre

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/minsteadstudycentre/parentschildren/planvisitparent#step-4>

The cost of this residential will be £158.00

Parents or carers who can prove they are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below are eligible for an exemption from paying the cost of the trip.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must also be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

A non-refundable deposit of £58 will be required to secure your child's place by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 with the remaining amount due by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. *Once the school has made full payment for the organisation of the residential, there will be no opportunities for requesting refunds.*

Payments for the remaining amount can be made in instalments via the MCAS APP/Website. *Please note that there will be no further opportunity to attend this residential after this date as there is a **maximum number of 72 places**.*

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Annette Hixon Headteacher

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