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Year 5 Minstead Residential January 2023

Dear parent/carer,

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:

- 9th Jan 2023 – 11th Jan 2023 (Group A, 10.30am arrival, 1.30pm departure)
- 11th Jan 2023 – 13th Jan 2023 (Group B, 10.30am arrival, 1.30pm departure)

Details of the booking are as follows:

- Fully catered stay in timber framed eco-friendly dormitories
- All bedding
- Outdoor Activities
- Travel to and from Minstead

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 £143.

We are required to secure this booking with Minstead now to allow for all those children who wish, to attend. We will require a non-refundable deposit of £43 by 23rd September 2022. **The deposit can only be paid by cash or cheque to the school office**; the balance will be payable 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

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