



## Longford Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

Due to the success of the residential at Standon Bowers this year we have already gone ahead and booked for our year 6 pupils next academy year. The date we have booked for the children is the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September meaning that children will return to school on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Temperatures in September are usually still quite good for outdoor education Standon Bowers provides everything that will ensure our children get the best experience.

We will hold a parent information session in the summer term, but for now a video and information can be found online here <https://www.entrustoutdoors.co.uk/standon-bowers>.

There are many recognised benefits to be gained from engaging in residential, outdoor learning visits. These include personal and social development, where independence, team work, confidence and self-esteem can be raised and strengthened through fun and challenging group activities, often in new and natural surroundings. Many of these benefits can be transferred back to the classroom and beyond where they can have real and lasting impact. Working in teams, your child will participate in a number of adventurous activities and sleep in tents with friends.

The total cost of the visit is £234. This includes transport, meals, activities and of course accommodation. The school will subsidise some of this cost for children entitled to the pupil premium (those currently receiving or entitled to means tested free school meals within the past 6 years). We are confident that this will be a truly memorable and valuable experience for your child and a great opportunity for all our children in year 6 to enjoy an adventure together, creating and sharing memories that can last a lifetime. We initially reserved enough spaces for all pupils, however we will need to confirm final numbers by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023. To ensure your child can participate and that the visit can go ahead, we require an initial deposit of £34 to secure your child's place by that date. Payment should be made via parent pay. If you would like your child to attend but are unable to make £34 payment by that date please inform the office in advance so we can look at possible payment options.

**Anyone who has not paid the deposit by 23<sup>rd</sup> January will not be able to attend the residential and will be expected to attend school as normal during that week.**

We have devised a payment plan to support those who wish to pay in installments. Payment can be made in installments or in full at any point upto these dates via parent pay. If there are any issues regarding payment, please contact the office in advance of these dates so we can discuss possible arrangements.

Payment dates are as follows:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> January            £34 deposit due
- 30<sup>th</sup> March                £50 payment due (Total £84)
- 4<sup>th</sup> May                    £50 payment due (Total £134)
- 1<sup>st</sup> June                    £50 payment due (Total £184)
- 6<sup>th</sup> July                    £50 final payment due (Total £234)

**NB. Please see parent pay/speak to the office regarding subsidised installment amounts for children entitled to the pupil premium.**

A full programme of activities for the week, kit list and example menu will be sent out in the summer term to coincide with the meeting in school. Activities available at the centre include:

- Archery
- Bushcraft Skills
- BMXing
- Bridge Building
- Climbing
- Caving
- High Ropes
- Offsite Excursions
- Low Ropes
- Mine Exploration
- Scrambling

Closer to the date we will send out a medical information and consent form to ensure we have the most up-to-date information. Until then, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask current teaching staff, myself or the office or view the Entrust website for further information.

Kind regards



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Principal