



Dore Primary School

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The Oakes Residential

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Dear Parent,

We are delighted to offer the very successful Y4 residential trip to The Oakes Adventure Centre in Sheffield. This is a beautiful large house situated in 8 acres of land surrounded by 90 acres of Oakes parkland. The exciting activities available include; team building games, raft building, art and craft, adventure rope course, climbing cube, team challenges, archery, camp fire, mini-mudder, remote control cars, and a water slide. Activities are led by a strong team of Oakes staff, with Dore staff present at all times. Members of The Oakes staff are responsible throughout the stay and the dormitories are all well supervised. Children will work and play together as small groups and as a large school group. There will also be some quality teaching time where the team will work from the Sheffield Agreed RE syllabus. This also fulfils some requirements from the National Curriculum guidelines. The same RE teaching and planning will be delivered to any children who remain in school as part of a flexible themed timetable. For further information about The Centre please access their website: www.oakes.org.uk

Due to The Oakes Centre becoming a very popular choice for residential visits, Dore Primary School has only been allocated two nights. We have split the children into two groups so that all children have a chance to attend. Children will stay at the centre for 1 night and 2 days.

Group 1 (Mrs Drazek/ Mrs Davison, Mrs Evans & Mrs Guiton's classes)

Will arrive at The Oakes on Monday 22nd May at 9:15am and leave at 3:30pm on Tuesday 23rd May.

Group 2 (Mr Goodwin & Miss Turton's classes)

Will arrive at The Oakes on Tuesday 23rd May at 9:15am and leave at 3:30pm on Wednesday 24th May.

The cost of the programme is £50 based on full board, with an additional 50p for Parent Pay.

If we find that only 56 of the pupils, in Year 4, wish to attend the residential, then there will be the possibility of extending the visit to two nights at a cost of £90.

As in previous years we ask that parents transport children to The Oakes on day 1 and back from The Oakes on day 2. We very much hope to include all children in what promises to be a very exciting and energetic experience.





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If your child wishes to attend this residential trip please pay a deposit of £25.50 on Parent Pay by Friday 10th February. The 2nd payment of £25 is due by Friday 10th March. Alternatively you may pay the full amount of £50.50 now.

The full cost of residential trips will be requested by the school for such activities. Families entitled to Pupil Premium can request a reduction in the price (currently this means Pupil Premium children are likely to pay 20% of the full cost). Dore Primary will follow the relevant legislation as contained in the Education Reform Act 1988: Section 106 - 111, 117, and 118. The guidance is contained in the DCSF circular 2/89: Charges for School Activities). If you are currently in receipt of any benefits and you wish to discuss the cost of the trip in confidence then please contact Mr Fletcher at school. The Oakes also has a fund available to assist campers with finances. Again, please contact Mr Fletcher if you feel that you may require financial assistance and a request can be made to The Oakes.

Receipt of your deposit will indicate consent for your child to go on the residential, without which, it will be assumed that your child is unable to go and a place will not be reserved for them. Closer to the date an Oakes consent/ medical form will be distributed to you.

For children who thoroughly enjoy their visit to The Oakes, there is also the annual November weekend camp which is very popular and sells out each year with many children returning for 3rd or 4th visits.

Best Wishes

The Year 3 / 4 Team

