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9th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 6 (Current Yr 5's) Little Canada 2027

We are in the process of booking residential visits for next academic year. We would like to offer Year 6 (current Year 5) pupils the opportunity to visit Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. This is a change to our usual venue of Windmill Hill in East Sussex. For reasons outside of our control, there is no availability around the time we usually travel to Windmill Hill. I have managed to secure Little Canada which is also a PGL run venue.

Outdoor education centres are becoming increasingly busy and are booking up much earlier than in previous years due to some companies going into administration. In order to secure a space and ensure we get the best possible experience and price for the children, I will need to confirm our booking as soon as possible. This means beginning the process earlier than usual and I wanted to give as much notice as possible.

We feel this is a brilliant experience for the children and feedback about the quality of provision that PGL offer has been really positive. The total cost for the trip is £405 incluing cost of transport and contribtions towards staffing the visit or £370 for the center cost. We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible and have managed to secure a discount from the centre (£100). It is also a reduction of £15 from the trip this year. The trip will run from **Mon 18th- Fri 22rd October 2027**.

Due to the time scales involved and securing our slot, a non-refundable deposit of **£65 and signed form** will be needed by **Tuesday 1st December This is a date set by PGL and not the school**. There may be an opportuntity to add a space after this (latest date for final numbers is 31st January 2027) but it is important to note that after the 1st December 2026 the spaces become available for other schools to add extra so will be dependent on if the center has any space.

Costs are listed below:

- Little Canada cost per child £370
- £25 voluntary contribution towards travel (This includes Ferry and Coach). (Please note, if we do not receive significant contributions for the coach, we may need to cancel the trip)
- £10 voluntary contribution towards staffing

Payment dates are different this year to give parents time to budget for the costs involved and can be paid online on Arbor or by cash in the school office.

- £65.00 – **by Tuesday 1st December 2026** (non-refundable deposit)
- £170.00 – **by Monday Monday 5th March 2027** (£150 without contribution)
- £169.00 - **by Wednesday 30th June 2027** (£155 without contribution)

If you would like to talk to a member of staff regarding the cost of the trip, please contact the office so that we can make contact.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Shuttle
Deputy Head

Year 6 (Current Yr 5's) Little Canada Trip (18th-22nd October 2027)

I would like my child to go on next year's Little Canada trip and agree to pay a non-refundable deposit of £65 by **Tuesday 1st December 2026**

I agree to pay the full chargeable cost of the trip – **YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)**

Name of child: …… Class: ……

Signed: …… (parent/carer)