



GODSTONE VILLAGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Year 6 Residential Trip: Bowles 27th – 29th June 2018

We are pleased to inform you that your child has the opportunity to take part in a short residential trip during the school week at the Bowles Outdoor Activity Centre, Tunbridge Wells, in June 2018!

The visit to Bowles is an opportunity for the children to develop not only physical skills and academic ability but also to build social skills, awareness of others and, particularly for those who have not yet lived for a while away from their family, a chance to develop their independence, before transferring to secondary education.

The residential will be from **Wednesday 27th June (9:30am arrival) to Friday 29th June (4:30pm departure)**. The centre is at Eridge Green, near Tunbridge Wells. **In order to reduce costs we would like you to take and collect the children.** Parents find this a positive experience and appreciate the opportunity to see the environment for themselves. Please be reassured that if dropping off or collecting your child is a problem we can support you in organising a lift share.

Bowles is a non-profit making organisation. The cost of the trip will be £254.00 per child and includes:

- 2 nights' accommodation in their lodge facilities (approximately 2/3 children to a room)
- 2 continental breakfasts, 3 hot lunches, 2 hot dinners
- Approximately 8 hours per day of instructor lead activities may include abseiling, water sports, zip wires, archery, bush craft skills, team work challenges, raft building, camp fire and talent show. These are some of a wider range of available activities. This is subject to change dependant on availability nearer the time and weather.
- All necessary equipment for outdoor activities and bedding (children only need to provide basic day to day clothing, shoes and gloves and socks for skiing)

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If you would like to apply for a place, please complete the form below. A non-returnable deposit of £75.00 per pupil is required by the Bowles Centre and this should be forwarded to the school office made payable to 'Godstone Village School' by **Tuesday 31st October 2017**.

The total balance of £179.00 needs to be paid by **Thursday 31st May 2018**. You can do this by paying cash or cheque or online via Scopay. Details for online payments will follow in due course.

If paying online, this can be done via 7 monthly instalments (between November and May), i.e. 6 equal amounts of £25.00 and the final balance of £29.00. Alternatively you can make two equal payments of £89.50 each, one by 1st February 2018 and the other by 31st May 2018.

If, for any reason, you feel it would be difficult for your child to attend please contact me to discuss options available to you. There will be a Bowles information meeting nearer the trip on **Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 6.30pm** for parents. If you have any concerns or queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me or get in touch via email.

For more information please visit the Bowles website: <http://www.bowles.ac/schools-colleges/residential-outdoor-courses>.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Jarrott-Chase
Head Teacher

Year 6 Residential Trip – Bowles: 27th – 29th June 2018

Please complete and return to the school office by **Tuesday 31st October 2017**

Childs Name:

Year: 6

I give permission for my child to attend the Year 6 Residential from 27th – 29th June 2018

I enclose a cheque for £75.00 (non-refundable deposit) made payable to **Godstone Village School**

I agree to make 7 monthly installments via the online payment system or through the school office by cash or cheque

OR

I will make two instalments of £89.50 (one payable on 1st February and one on 31st May 2018)

Signed..... Parent / Carer Date.....

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