



## CHARMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

### Residential Trip to London

It is with much regret that I am letting you know that the Year 5 and Year 6 London Residential Trip will not be able to take place next year. After much time and effort sourcing the best value for money for the trip, ensuring the safety of the children at all times by avoiding the underground and public transport whilst making the best use of the time in London not enough children had signed up to make the trip viable. Some parents feedback was that the trip was too expensive. Whilst I appreciate that price is a major factor for parents, the cost of our proposed residential school trip was comparable to similar trips organised by other schools.

London was chosen to enable the children to deepen their understanding of a multicultural society and increase their knowledge and understanding of British Values. These are some of the core elements in the new National Curriculum and the topic in summer term would have been enriched with these experiences. There was only an 80% take up of children going to London and this means that the cost per child would have increased and after considering all the options, I have taken the decision that the trip is not viable. For trips such as this to go ahead, there needs to be a close to 100% take up by the classes involved.

Alternative ideas have also been explored including a PGL trip and initial findings were that the costs of a residential trip to a relatively local location would have been very similar to the cost of the London trip. However, PGL are now able to provide a trip to Barton Hall Adventure Centre, Torquay during the same time as the London trip with a significant discount. This is the cheapest trip that we can offer and we need to secure the booking for this trip by **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. The cost of this trip will be £175 per child and includes coach travel, full board accommodation with bedding and a varied programme of adventure activities and evening entertainment.

Please could you complete the slip attached and return it to the school office. It would also be helpful to know if you would be happy for us to use the cheque that was originally written for the deposit for the London trip.

Below is a link to Barton Hall for your information:

<http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/barton-hall#.Vk75gYTA5E5>

I am sorry that the children will be disappointed that the London trip will not go ahead but hope that they will have the opportunity to go to Barton Hall Adventure Centre for an outdoor adventure instead.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Morris



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### Turtles and Sharks Residential Trip to Barton Hall Adventure Centre

Childs Name..... Class.....

I would like /would not like my child to go on the residential trip to Barton Hall.  
I would like/would not like my deposit that was submitted for the London Trip to be used as a deposit.

Signed.....(Parent/Carer)