



# Great Gaddesden Cof E (VA) Primary School

*'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated' (Luke 6:31)*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Y5/6 Residential Trip Autumn 2026**

I am writing to share with you the planned residential trip for September 2026 for Year 5&6.

Thank you for your responses to the survey about the residential and I am pleased to now confirm, we are planning a residential trip to PGL again for the next academic year. The results from the survey were mixed but more parents voted in favour of the shorter break. Whilst aiming to save costs (which have risen) and make this trip as affordable as possible, we also recognise it is important to provide a reasonable length of stay. Therefore, we will be going from Sunday 27th September to Wednesday 30th September 2026. We plan for the children to arrive at school by 8:30am on Sunday and return by 5:30pm on Wednesday.

The previous visits have shown that taking the children at the beginning of the Autumn Term is very successful, as this gives them the opportunity to form good supportive relationships at the beginning of the new school year.

We are also going to visit a new site and have booked the PGL Liddington, Wiltshire. They will put together an itinerary for us closer to the time but below is an outline of different activities on offer at the site:

Possible Day Activities	Possible Evening Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climbing</li><li>• Challenge Course</li><li>• Canoeing</li><li>• Disc golf</li><li>• Fencing</li><li>• Paddle boarding</li><li>• Giant swing</li><li>• Laser tag</li><li>• Raft building</li><li>• Sensory trail</li><li>• Trapeze</li><li>• Zip wire</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Archery tag</li><li>• Campfire Activities</li><li>• Creative activities</li><li>• Quizzes</li><li>• Tournaments</li><li>• Silent disco</li><li>• PGL tournament</li></ul>

We will hold a Parents' Information meeting nearer the time with our confirmed itinerary.

The total cost of the trip to parents is **£350** per pupil. This will cover full board accommodation, travel and all activities for the duration of the trip.

We appreciate that this is a large amount of money to make in one payment and are therefore setting up a payment system to allow you to spread the cost over the next few months. We have also avoided December and January being mindful of the Christmas period. Therefore, the suggested payments and dates are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> payment due November	£50.00 (Non-refundable deposit)
2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due February	£60.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due March	£60.00
4 <sup>th</sup> payment due April	£60.00
5 <sup>th</sup> payment due May	£60.00
Final payment due June	£60.00

*NB: Payments should be made via Arbor.*

To confirm your child's attendance on this trip, please complete the Microsoft Form (link below)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7jkX9GpFpy>

This must be completed and returned by **17th October**. The first invoice will then be added to Arbor by 24th October to be paid by 1st November.

If you have any questions regarding this trip or anticipate financial difficulty, please don't hesitate to contact me in complete confidence.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M. Beach  
Headteacher