

STROUD VALLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

6th July 2020

Dear Parents,

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL 2020

Although this is an unsettling time for all, we are still planning on visiting Hooke Court in October, as long as restrictions allow us to. Therefore, we still need to plan for that to ensure the children's education and enrichment of this type of activity does not become lost in this whole situation. We will be closely monitoring advice from Public Health England over the summer holidays. I also attach a copy of the latest guidelines and procedures recently received from the Centre.

The proposed visit will take place from 20th - 22nd October at Hooke Court in Dorset. The current Year 5's went there last year and had a wonderful time. Both staff and children were very impressed with the activities on offer, as well as the accommodation and facilities. Although there are similar centres closer to Gloucestershire, they proved to be more expensive and did not offer the same kind of experience. We plan to take the children to Hooke Court from Tuesday 20th October to Thursday 22nd October 2020 when they begin Year 5. Hooke Court has a range of exciting on-site activities which are both fun and educational, providing maximum benefit for everyone who undertakes them. They have been designed to enhance and complement the National Curriculum as well as develop team work, communication and negotiation skills and improve personal confidence. Attached to this letter is a copy of last year's itinerary to give you an idea of the activities on offer. Also attached is a kit list so that you have an idea of clothes etc. your child will need to take with him / her.

The cost for a three day, two night stay will be £135 which will cover the cost of all meals (cooked breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal), accommodation, use of all facilities, a full range of organised activities (both day and evening), the coach fare and insurance. The children will also be able to take £5 spending money with them.

We will have to pay the full amount of £135 to Hooke Court by the 22nd September 2020 so payments must be made in full by this date. We are now able to offer you the chance to pay for this visit using ParentPay. This is our preferred method of payment but if you really would rather not do this, then please send cash or cheque (payable to Stroud Valley School) to the office.

We have set up Parentpay for the residential as from today, as we know some of you prefer to pay by instalments. If the planned residential is cancelled, a full refund will be made to yourselves.

If you are going through a period of financial difficulty, please don't hesitate to come to the office where we have details of an educational charity which may be able to help with some funding for those children whose families are on a low income.

Please complete and return the slip below by Thursday 3rd September so that we can confirm numbers with Hooke Court and the £135 full payment no later than Tuesday 22nd September. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Sleep
Headteacher

Please complete and return this slip to school by Thursday 3rd September. You may also give your permission by email, or via Parentpay when making a payment.

HOOKE COURT RESIDENTIAL 20TH - 22ND OCTOBER 2020

CHILD'S NAME.....

I do/do not (please delete appropriately) give permission for my child to take part in the Year 5 residential to Hooke Court from 20th to 22nd October 2020

I will pay using cash/cheque

I will pay using Parentpay

Signed.....

Date.....

Latest Guidelines and Procedure

I hope that this email finds you, your family and colleagues safe and well. We do hope that the reopening of your school to certain year groups goes successfully.

We are looking ahead to the autumn term and with the latest announcements from the government we are confident we will be open and ready to welcome you and your school.

In my last email I advised that we would update you of procedures that would be in place for your visit. Below are some of the measures we propose.

- Complete and publish our risk assessment for COVID-19
- Install additional signage to encourage good hygiene practices.
- PPE – if your school wish us to wear face masks during your trip, we will of course enforce that. Contact between housekeeping, kitchen and maintenance will be kept to a minimum.
- We have improved our handwashing and hygiene procedures, there will be hand sanitising stations outside each main entrance of the buildings in addition to the existing handwashing facilities.
- We will be testing the temperature of all staff arriving for a shift and asking them to sign to confirm they are not feeling any symptoms of COVID-19.
- We have reviewed and updated our cleaning regime, and we purchased a MotorScrubber Storm – a ballistic virus killer! We will use this machine with Corongard R7 to sanitise areas. Our current plan would be to sanitise accommodation wings after occupation before any new group is allowed in. If dining areas or teaching spaces had to have different groups in during a day, then again we would sanitise between groups. Where possible, we will run activities outside.
- If this is not possible, we will try and ensure only one group uses any given teaching space.
- Where possible, you will have the same tutor for the duration of your trip.
- We will segregate visiting groups to avoid cross-contamination.

It is our aim to welcome you to Hooke Court, so that your children can experience the unique offerings we have. And most of all enjoy themselves! After all the uncertainty and difficulties of the last few months we would hope that the children will get even more out of the trip than ever!

If you feel that there are any further areas we would need to consider, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will work with every school to ensure that their safety, along with the safety of our staff, is the primary focus. We will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks to discuss the trip and any concerns you may have.

In the meantime please stay safe.

Regards

Dylan Cooper

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School: Stroud Valley Primary

Tuesday	08.45 09.00 12.00 13.30 16.00 Evening	Meet at Parliament St. Car Park Prompt departure! Arrive Hooke Court - Lunch Bridging the Moat Own Activities Evening Meal Night Search & Rescue
Wednesday	9.30 12.30 13.30 16.00 Evening	Breakfast Tribal Kingdom Day Lunch Tribal Kingdom Day Cont Own Activities Evening Meal Shell Craft
Thursday	9.30 12.00 onwards 16.00 (approx)	Breakfast Rocket Building Lunch & depart Hooke Court Arrive back at Parliament St. Car Park

Essential Items for a stay at Hooke Court

Clothing and shoes worn outside during activities will inevitably get dirty – so old clothes are best! We try to help children look after their things, but items regularly get lost or left behind. We therefore strongly recommend that you name all items of clothing – and provide your child with a packing list, so that he/she can check items back into their bag.

Please use the following checklist to help pack bags:

- 1 Bath towel
- Toiletries bag containing: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush etc.
- Night clothes
- Socks and underwear
- T-shirts, shirts / blouses (at least 1 with long-sleeves)
- Thick sweater + light sweater, sweat shirt
- Pairs of trousers and/or jeans and/or tracksuit bottoms and/or shorts and/or skirts
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- Sturdy shoes or wellingtons (even in summer; particularly necessary for river studies) 1 pair of trainers
- Torch
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Gloves, hat, scarf (in winter)
- Sun hat and cream (in summer)
- Water Bottle
- Lunch for Day One

* Please note that most outdoor activities require long sleeves and long trousers even in the summer to protect legs and arms from scratches, ticks etc.

Please do not send mobile phones, expensive cameras, electronic games, ipods or mp3 players, expensive or much-cherished jewellery, expensive or favourite clothing or shoes. All accommodation is locked securely but we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.