

DOG KENNEL HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 9th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may know, we always offer a School Journey to our Year 6 children. This involves travelling to an off-site activity centre, staying for four nights and travelling back on Friday. For many of our Year 6 children, it is one of the main highlights of the year, a memorable adventure with friends and adults from whom they will soon be separated once they leave the school at the end of the year. The trip will take place from **Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June, 2017.**

It is well known that residential courses organised by schools are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. The Government has stated the beneficial effects of learning outside the classroom and the impact on a child's progress that such courses provide. Learning outside the classroom offers new and exciting challenges, children will learn to work together as a team, develop independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try out new activities cannot be underestimated.

After a very successful trip this year, we will be returning to Condoval Hall in June 2017. Fully trained and qualified instructors, with the support of school staff, provide instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment.

Activities provided by the centre include:

- Abseiling
- Archery
- High-tech laser maze
- Tunnelling room
- Dance studio
- Fencing
- Orienteering

(Please see attached fact sheet from the centre.)

Please take a moment to visit Condoval Hall's website to see the full extent of what's on offer: www.condovalhall.com.

The total cost of the visit to Condoval Hall is £330 and includes: Full board accommodation, transport from the school to the centre and return, insurance, all instruction and activities, equipment & safety equipment, evening activities programme, achievement certificates and comprehensive insurance.

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure additional grants to subsidise the journey this year. Although we realise that this is a large amount of money, we believe the experience for the children will be more than worth it, and a fitting climax to their careers at Dog Kennel Hill. We also hope that by informing parents now, and putting in a payment plan well in advance, we can give families a chance to budget accordingly and spread the cost out.

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The payment plan is as follows:

| Full Rate Amount | Free School Meals Rate Amount | Required no later than: |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| £66 | £35 | DEPOSIT Friday, September 23 rd 2016 |
| £66 | £35 | Friday, 21 st October, 2016 |
| £66 | £35 | Friday, 10 th February 2017 |
| £66 | £35 | Thursday, 31 st March 2017 |
| £66 | £35 | Friday, 26 th May 2017 |
| £330 | £175 | TOTAL |

Reminders will be sent out near to each payment date.

To apply for a place for your child, please complete the consent form attached and return it to the school office with the deposit of £66 (Cash or cheque payable to Dog Kennel Hill Primary School), this will then be paid on to the centre, to confirm each child's booking. This is the initial deposit, which **must be paid before Friday, 23rd September 2016** in order to secure the booking. It will not be possible to refund this deposit at a later date. Bookings will only be made for those pupils that provide the initial deposit and permission slip, **we cannot guarantee places on the journey for any pupils who book after 23rd September 2016.**

For children eligible for free school meals according to Southwark we are able to offer a reduced rate for this trip. If you think you might be eligible, but have not yet applied, please see Teagan or Tracy in the school office.

We will be holding a Parents' Evening to discuss the visit next year, in the Summer Term, to go through the details of the trip and confirm all arrangements. In the meantime, if you have any queries before booking, please do not hesitate to email the school school@dkh.southwark.sch.uk

This letter, a fact sheet about Condoover Hall and any other future correspondence regarding the School Journey 2017 will be available on the school's website, www.dkh.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr L.Black
Head of School

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I give my consent for my child to take part in the visit to Condoover Hall from Monday, 12th June – Friday, 16th June 2017.

I confirm that I will pay the total cost of £330 for the residential activity visit and enclose a £66 deposit in cash or cheque, made payable to Dog Kennel Hill Primary School. I understand that the deposit is not returnable once my child's place has been confirmed.

My child is eligible for free school meals and I confirm that I will pay the total cost of £175 for the residential activity visit and enclose a £35 deposit in cash or cheque, made payable to Dog Kennel Hill Primary School. I understand that the deposit is not returnable once my child's place has been confirmed.

Name (s) _____

Child's name _____ Class _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

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