



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to announce that we are planning to take Year 6 pupils (currently in Year 5) on a residential outdoor educational visit to Boreatton Park, near Shrewsbury, for 2 nights, during the week beginning **19 October 2026**. This is a PGL centre set in 250 acres of grounds, including two lakes and a river. It is the UK's largest PGL centre, offering more activities than any other, with everything located on site.

Pupils will have the opportunity to grow in confidence whilst developing communication and teamwork skills through a range of adventure-style activities. PGL is a reputable company that has been running activity holidays for children since 1957. All PGL UK centres have been inspected and approved by both AALA (Adventure Activities Licensing Authority) and BAHA (British Activity Holiday Association).

Abseiling, canoeing, raft building, archery, climbing, zip wire and high ropes are just a few of the varied activities available. At this early stage, we cannot be specific about which activities will take place; however, further details will be communicated to you nearer to the date of departure. This will be the twentieth year we have run a PGL visit, and each year has proved extremely successful.

All activities will be fully supervised by trained staff at the activity centre, and there will always be access to a qualified first aider. Evening entertainment will also be provided. We propose to take two groups during the week, with each group taking part in activities over two and a half days. The visit is residential, with pupils and staff staying in either the mansion house or cabins, which sleep up to 14 pupils. There is 24-hour security, as well as toilet and shower facilities on site.

Pupils will be fully catered for and provided with three meals a day. All dietary requirements will be accommodated. Drinks will be available throughout the day and before bedtime.

The cost of the visit will be in the region of **£250** (the final cost will be confirmed once numbers are established). This will cover all activities, meals, travel and insurance. Any specialist clothing required will be provided by the activity centre. The only additional money your child will need is a small amount of pocket money for the tuck shop.

An initial deposit of **£80 per pupil** will be required. This deposit is non-refundable. Unfortunately, all subsequent payments are also non-refundable unless covered by PGL insurance. It is important to us to keep the cost to parents as low as possible. The final payment will be due by the beginning of **September 2026**. Further payment information will follow later in the spring term, and there will be the option to pay in instalments.

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A total of **120 places** have been reserved at the centre; however, we are unable to hold these places beyond the deposit deadline, which is **Monday 16 February 2026**. If you wish your child to attend, please ensure the £80 deposit is returned by this date. Participation in the trip is subject to a satisfactory risk assessment being completed.

Should more than 120 pupils wish to attend, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We will endeavour to secure additional places from PGL if required; however, places beyond the initial 120 cannot be guaranteed.

We are confident that this visit will be a unique and memorable experience for your child, offering numerous social and personal benefits.

Yours sincerely,



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