



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be able to write to you with the news that we are planning to take Year 6 (current year 5) on a **Residential Outdoor Educational Visit** to Boreatton Park, near Shrewsbury, during the **week beginning 20th October 2025**. This is a PGL Centre set in 250 acres of grounds, including two lakes and a river. It is the UK's biggest PGL centre offering more activities than any other and everything is on site. The pupils will have the opportunity to grow in confidence, whilst developing communication and teamwork capabilities through 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 AALA (Adventure Activities Licensing Authority) and BAHA (British Activity Holiday Association).

Abseiling, canoeing, raft building, archery, climbing, zip wire and high wires are just a few of the varied activities available to us. We cannot be specific at this early stage about which activities we will be doing, but this information will be communicated to you nearer to the date of departure. This will be the eighteenth year we have run a PGL visit and each year has been 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; each group taking part in activities over two and a half days. The visit is residential, with pupils and staff staying in log cabins that sleep up to 8 pupils in each. There is 24-hour security, with toilets and shower facilities on site. The pupils will be catered for and provided with three meals a day. All dietary requirements are considered. Drinks are available during the day and before bedtime.

The cost will be **in the region of £245** (the final cost will be confirmed once final numbers have been established) which will cover all activities, meals, travel and insurance. Any specialist clothing required will be provided by the activity centre. The only extra money your child will need is a small amount of pocket money to spend in the Tuck Shop. Initially, we will require a deposit of **£80** per pupil, **which is non-refundable and should be paid via ParentPay**. Unfortunately, all subsequent payments are also non-refundable unless covered by PGL insurance. The final payment will be required by the beginning of **September 2025**. Further payment information will follow later in the Spring term, but there will be an opportunity to pay in instalments if you so wish.

One hundred and fifty places have been reserved at the centre, but we cannot hold these places beyond the deadline for payment of deposits, which is **Wednesday 30th April 2025**. Consequently, if you wish your child to attend you need to return your deposit of **£80** by this date. Inclusion on the trip is subject to a satisfactory risk assessment being completed.

We are confident this will be a unique experience for your child, with numerous benefits, both social and personal, to be gained.

Yours sincerely,

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