



WORPLESDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 6 Isle of Wight Educational Visit
Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June 2019

Dear Parents

This letter contains the basic information concerning the Year 6 educational visit to the Isle of Wight in June. Enclosed are details of costs, accommodation, travel and dates.

The visit to the Isle of Wight is always one of the highlights of a child's career at Worplesdon.

Location: Shanklin, Isle of Wight

Length of visit: 5 days/4 nights

Purpose of visit:

- i) To provide the children with a quality, first-hand experience to develop their knowledge and understanding in a range of curriculum areas including geography, history, science, technology, art and language.
- ii) To provide a memorable and fun end to their school career at Worplesdon.
- iii) To develop the children's social skills and independence.

Dates: Monday 17th June to Friday 21st June 2019

Itinerary

All children will be following the same itinerary. The children will be organised into five working groups during the day. The main locations and activities we shall take part in during the week are:

Carisbrook Castle: The Saxons originally built a fort on the site but the oldest parts of the castle we see nowadays are Norman. King Charles I was imprisoned here. Many of the original battlements remain intact. The buildings also contain the Isle of Wight Museum.

Tennyson Down: A walk over the highest part of the island with a superb view of the island and mainland.

Alum Bay: There will be the opportunity to shop for souvenirs at the Needles Pleasure Park.

Robin Hill Park: In groups, we will explore the park taking part in the range of fun, interactive activities. Weather permitting the party will watch a falconry display.

Osborne House: A day spent exploring Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's holiday home on the Isle of Wight.

Fossil Hunt: Led by a local geologist the party will explore a stretch of coastline for fossils. The session will include a talk with lots of exhibits to handle.

Evening Activities: There are activities every evening. These could include a games evening on the beach, a visit to Shanklin Chine, bowling, sandcastle competition and on the final evening there will be a disco in the hotel.

Accommodation

We will be staying in the **Esplanade Hotel in Shanklin** which is situated on the seafront. The hotel offers a good standard of accommodation and was a key ingredient to a very successful trip last year. The hotel is situated on the seafront with instant access to the beach so there is lots of space for supervised games. Our party will be the only people using the hotel. The hotel provides a cooked breakfast and evening meal and a daily packed lunch. There will be between two and six children sharing each room. The hotel is very experienced in catering for children and understand the need to provide child friendly meals both in terms of content and quantity. Special diets can be catered for (eg vegetarians).

Transport

Transport will be by coach. This Safeguard coach will stay with the party throughout our visit. The coach is fitted with three point seat belts and air conditioning. The crossing to the island will be made by Wightlink Ferry.

Insurance

The party will be insured through LEA selected brokers. The insurance will cover medical expenses, personal accident, personal effects and money.

Cost:

The cost of the visit will be **£295.00** (calculated on the anticipated numbers going) which is inclusive of transport, accommodation, all activities, entry fees and speakers. While we appreciate this is a lot of money, we have researched the charge that other schools in the area make for a similar visit and believe this is good value for money. It is our aim to take every child on this educational visit. We must however, cover our costs in order for the visit to go ahead. Therefore, it is necessary to request a voluntary contribution from each family for the full amount of the cost per child. If you would like your child to go but may have difficulty finding all the contribution please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs O'Brien.

We would ask that you please pay this voluntary donation via your child's Scopay account. If you have not yet set up your child's account, please see the office as soon as possible for a link code as all payments must now be made online. The required consent for your child to attend the trip is also made through your Scopay account at the time of paying so please ensure you tick the relevant tick box at the time you make your deposit. Your child will not be allowed on the trip if you have not given this consent.

The cost can be paid online via scopay.com in one of two ways:

- i) By instalments in line with the dates set out below:**
 - Deposit of £65 by Monday 4th February 2019
 - Payment of £65 by Monday 11th March 2019
 - Payment of £60 by Monday 8th April 2019
 - Payment of £60 by Tuesday 7th May 2019
 - Payment of £45 by Monday 3rd June 2019

- ii) By payment of the full amount by the 4th February 2019.**

It would be appreciated if the payments could be made on the dates shown.

To secure your child's place on the trip, please ensure the deposit of £65 and your consent is received via your child's scopay account by Monday 4th February at the latest.