## **West Green Primary School**



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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Re: Year 6 Residential Trip

We have arranged the Year 6 residential trip to Gaveston Hall in Nuthurst (outside Horsham) for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This is an overnight trip for Year 6 children only. If you have any concerns please speak to the school office, or your child's class teacher, as we do not want any child to miss out on any activity. From experience we have found that there is always a solution as long as we are made aware of any concerns that parents/carers, or children, may have. We have done the Gaveston Hall visit for a couple of years now. We do feel that it offers a much better experience (and value) compared to the PGL trips we have done in the past. PGL can cost in excess of £450 per child.

We are very much aware that finances for a lot of families are difficult to manage at this moment in time. Therefore, we are happy for payments to be made on account up until the end of May 2023. The cost of the trip to Gaveston Hall will be £85.00 per student. The school are meeting the cost of the coach.

We also normally arrange for Year 6 leavers hoodies for the Year 6 class. Up until 2020 the **full cost** of the hoodies was paid for by the parents. During 2020, and 2021, the school paid for the hoodies as a gesture of goodwill as the children had missed out on school trips due to long periods of lockdown and isolation. Now that all restrictions have been lifted, and in light of the huge increase in costs we are facing as a school, we are not in a position to be able to fund the full cost of providing every Year 6 child with a hoodie. We are prepared to make a contribution towards the hoodies, but it will be necessary for parents/carers to contribute if you want your child to have a leavers hoodie ordered for them. The parent/carer contribution will be £10. **If you do not want to contribute towards the cost of the hoodie, please inform the school office when making your initial payment.** 

Cost of Gaveston Hall: £85.00 Contribution for leavers hoodie: £10.00

Total cost: £95.00

Suggested payment plan:

Nov 2022: £10.00 Dec 2022: £10.00 Jan 2023: £10.00 Feb 2023: £15.00 Mar 2023: £15.00 Apr 2023: £15.00 May 2023: £20.00

You can pay for the cost of the trip in full, or in instalments, but if you are at all concerned please do contact the school and we will do our best to help.

If your child has signed up to take part in Bikeability the cost will be an additional £20.00. Therefore the total cost (of Gaveston Hall, leavers hoodie and Bikeability) would be £115.00. We are happy for you to make the Bikeability cost part of the instalment payments. Please let the school office know when you make your initial payment if you want to do this. We have a list of children who are signed up for the Bikeability course next year so we can check for you if you are not sure your child is taking part in that.

We are sorry to add this financial burden to what we know is an increasingly difficult time for families, but we have tried to give you as much notice as possible as we know this is a large amount of money to have to find at short notice.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Hodgson Headteacher