



Christ Church

Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

14 September 2016

Year 4 Residential School Journey Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th February 2017

Once again we would like to organise a Year 4 journey to Hooke Court, near Dorchester. Last year's journey was very successful and we have made a provisional booking for 3 days beginning Wednesday 8th February 2017.

As last year, we are not intending to limit the number of places available but the viability of going ahead with the visit does depend upon parents being willing to meet all costs involved in running the trip – board and lodging, tuition, transport and insurance. Christ Church staffing costs are met by the school. As you are aware there are strict guidelines laid down regarding charging for school trips and we follow these.

At this stage we do not have exact figures as to the cost of the journey but estimate the cost will be in the region of £173.00 per pupil. At this time we are asking for a deposit of £30.00 to secure your child's place on the journey and an undertaking that you will meet the cost of board and lodging and will make voluntary contributions when asked to, or that you will speak to us if there are financial reasons for not being able to make the voluntary contributions.

To make the situation regarding board and lodging clear, in accordance with our charging policy and government guidelines, we are making a charge for this element of a school journey. This is not a voluntary contribution and this amount must be paid if you wish your child to take part. You should know that this payment can be reclaimed if you are entitled to any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income – based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit



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- Universal Credit

No child will be excluded from taking part in this visit on the basis of inability or unwillingness to make the voluntary contribution but you should know that if insufficient donations are received the journey will be cancelled.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete and return the reply slip together with the deposit of £ 30.00 before 30 September.

Please pay online via your child's scopay account if possible, we still need you to return the reply slip. Alternatively please pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Christ Church School) and put in a sealed envelope addressed to Mrs Anderson and mark the envelope 'Hooke Court'. This can then be posted in the post box on the wall outside the office entrance.

If you do not wish your child to take part, please still complete and return the reply slip as this gives us a much clearer idea of numbers.

Please do **not** make full payment now; the final cost does depend upon the number of children travelling as the cost of the coach is shared equally amongst all participants.

There will be a meeting for both parents/carers and children during which you will be able to learn more about this journey and have the opportunity to ask any questions. You will be notified of the date of this meeting once it is confirmed with Mrs James.

Whilst at Hooke Court, the children will 'Time Travellers' and spend 3 days living as Roman Invaders, This will include a visit to Maiden Castle and a Roman town house, living life as a Roman Soldier, making Roman oil lamps, writing in Latin and cooking a Roman feast. Further information can be found at www.hookecourt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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