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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 5 – Visit to Eden Camp on Monday 19th October 2020



It is proposed that the Year 5 pupils will visit Eden Camp near Malton on Monday 19th October 2020. This visit will form part of this term's topic on World War II.

Eden Camp allows the children to see the story of World War II, re-created using sights, sounds, smells and moving figures to create a unique atmosphere that makes it feel like you have travelled back in time to wartime Britain.

We understand, at this time, that you may have questions concerning Covid-19 guidance. Eden Camp has provided their own Covid-19 risk assessment, where they have stated how certain areas are to be used and how they are being monitored. The Year 5 staff will very shortly undertake a pre-visit to ensure all these measures will still allow the children to receive an educational and enjoyable experience. The number of visitors allowed in Eden Camp has been limited to 50% of their usual capacity. While face masks/coverings are mandatory in museums, children under the age of 11 are exempt from the rule. However, you are more than welcome to send your child with a mask, should you decide you would like them to wear one when they are inside the exhibition huts and other buildings. The staff will have plenty of hand sanitiser and PPE equipment when needed.

If you have any questions about this trip, please to not hesitate to contact the Year 5 class teachers. If you decide you do not want your child to take part in this visit, they will attend school as normal. Obviously, if any government guidance changes before the trip, or numbers are too low, we may have to cancel.

Owing to ensuring social distancing between class bubbles, we will be using two coaches for this year's trip, one for each class. Unfortunately, this has inevitably increased the cost of the trip from last year.

To ensure the trip will be economically viable, we are asking all parents/carers to confirm by the end of Tuesday 22nd September whether you would like your child to take part. Please go to the following link to confirm whether your child will be attending. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/saV1MVN5LT946JHG7>

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On the day of the trip, the children should wear school uniform as usual but should wear strong walking shoes or trainers and bring a light waterproof in case of wet weather. A packed lunch and a drink of water will be required (no glass bottles or plastic food tubs please); please pack this in a disposable bag so it will not need to be carried afterwards. In addition, if your child would like to purchase a gift from the gift shop, they may bring in £2.00 cash (to be handed to the class teacher by Friday 16th October 2020).

The children will need to leave school at 9.00 am on the day of the visit, therefore, it will be necessary for them to arrive promptly at school at 8.40 am. They will leave Eden Camp at 2.00 pm and should arrive back at Swanland Primary School (traffic permitting) by the end of the school day for collection as usual.

A voluntary contribution of £16.36 per child, to help defer the cost of admission, transportation and insurance would be gratefully received. As soon as the trip is confirmed, this cost will be available on the ParentPay website for you to pay online in the usual way by Thursday 8th October 2020. A text will be sent out to parents when this cost is available for payment. As you are aware, you are now able to give consent on ParentPay prior to making your payment (NB this is in addition to your initial expression of interest).

As we are sure you can appreciate, the visit would not be economically viable and, therefore, could not take place should these donations fail to materialise. However, our policy is that no student should be discriminated against by virtue of their inability to pay. Parents in receipt of Income Support or a similar benefit should contact us in the knowledge that the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Year 5 Team