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Primary School & Early Years

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Current Year 3 children proposed residential at Stubbington Study Centre in 2025

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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to offer your child the opportunity to potentially attend the Year 4 residential visit to Stubbington Study Centre in 2025. It is a wonderful place for a pupil's first school visit away from home. The centre is purpose built for primary children and has a number of permanent staff including a warden, two deputy wardens plus numerous others – which makes Stubbington a very special and safe environment.

We are writing to gauge interest in the visit. Your child is part of a small year group. As we have to pay for all places we reserve, even if they are not filled, we are keen to find out what interest there is for a residential. Therefore, we are sending this letter out earlier than in previous years.

Stubbington Study Centre have not released the costings yet. The cost of this year's visit (2024 visit) was £150, which included all food, accommodation, all activities and transport for the visit. **The visit will cost more than £150 when your child attends.** The previous visit (2023 visit) cost £135. This was an increase of £15. I have added this cost to the letter so you have some idea of how much the visit might increase by (**although it could be more or less than this**).

The school does not charge for the staffing costs and we do not make a profit from the visit. We will let you know the actual cost once we are receive confirmation from Stubbington Residential Centre.

The children will be away for a total of 2 nights/3 days, either Monday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Friday.

ACTION TO TAKE

On Friday 8th December, straight after school in 3MC, there will be a parents' meeting about the residential. Mr Cowell will be able to provide more information about the residential. This meeting should only take 15 minutes followed by time for any questions you may have. More information about the centre can be found at www.stubbingtonstudycentre.co.uk for those who are unable to attend the meeting.

We are asking parents/carers to register their interest for a place on the residential. Please complete the attached reply slip by Thursday 14th December 2023. Please only complete the reply slip if you and your child are committed to them attending.

Once we have a confirmed place at the residential and a confirmed price, you will then be able to make a deposit payment online, via ScoPay. We might not get final confirmation of our booking until February 2024!

Once the deposit is paid, all payments are non-refundable unless school have withdrawn the place or cancelled the residential. If you withdraw your child from the trip and we find a replacement, we will offer you a full refund. Any child on the trip who returns home for medical reasons (confirmed by the Welfare team at Stubbington) will receive a percentage of the total paid refunded. This is decided by Stubbington. Any child who returns home for homesickness or due to behaviour would not have a percentage of the total paid refunded.

Attendance on all residential visits is dependent upon good behaviour in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Vaghela
Headteacher

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Name of child Class.....

I would like my child to attend the Year 4 residential in 2025. I will pay a deposit of £50 once their place has been confirmed and will pay the outstanding balance by no later than Monday 9th December 2024.

Signed:

Name of parent/carer