



Friday 7th June 2024.

Ford Castle Residential -
Interest letter – current Year 2 and 3 children (Class 2 in September 2024)
Monday 30th September - Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, in the past both Class 2 and Class 3 have had the option to go on a residential trip. Historically, we have always used Ford Castle for the Year 3 and 4 children as it has age-appropriate activities, is well staffed and safe.

Ford Castle is run by a company called PGL who have residential centres for children and young people across the country. More details can be found:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/ford-castle>

The children who went last year (now in Year 4 and 5) had a fantastic time and photos can be found on our school website on the class 2 page from last year (keep scrolling) -

<https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/class-two-year-3-and-4-class-page-2022-3/620309>

Mrs Fortescue has led trips to Ford Castle on numerous occasions and would like to propose that we start the year off with an exciting team building experience with a residential to Ford Castle on Monday 30th -Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

Because of the time of year that we would be going and that it would be relatively soon we have been given an amazing discount which includes all food, accommodation and activities for £135 per child!

Transport to and from Ford Castle would be an additional cost but it is not likely to make the trip more than £150 per child. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals the cost of the trip can be subsidised by 50%. Please contact Mrs Athey for further details.

Please remember that we have now re-introduced our 2-year cycle for residential trips so if your child does not have a residential in Class 2 they will get the option of a residential when they are in Class 3 so will not miss out later on.

Please could you email your decision either way to me –

Belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk by Friday 14th June. The trip will only go ahead if the majority of the class wish to come. If this is the case a non-returnable deposit will be required of £50 by 28th June and then a payment plan will be set up (all on school money) once the cost is finalised.

Best wishes, Belinda Athey – Headteacher and Mrs. Fortescue – Year 3 and 4 Class Teacher.

