

Tuesday 8th June 2021.

**Residential Trips Class 2 and 3**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Historically we have been able to offer the children in Classes 2 and 3, a residential experience on a two year rolling programme.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, all residential trips were put on hold (including our intended trip to Kingswood last Summer Term 2020 which had to be cancelled). At this point in time residential trips are beginning to be allowed to resume.

Going forward, we will be taking a cautious approach to planning any residential trips. The very earliest would be Summer Term 2022, but is more likely to be Autumn Term 2022. We need to ensure we complete numerous safety checks and have any trips approved by Northumberland County Council, as well as providing families with enough time to save up for the cost of the trip.

Usually the children in Years 3 and 4 go to Ford Castle for 3 days and 2 nights. Unfortunately, during the pandemic, Ford Castle had to close, so we will need to look at an alternative age appropriate experience.

The children in Year 5 and 6 usually go to Dukeshouse Wood, near Hexham, which fortunately at this point in time remains open, so this could be an option for 2022.

As soon as our options can be considered further, I will be in touch. In the meantime, depending on current infection rates and guidelines for schools with relation to day trips out, we hope to be able to resume these for the children during the next school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.