



*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

**Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

Headteacher: Mrs Jo MacGovern

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

**YEAR 5 - RESIDENTIAL TO DALESDOWN**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Your child will be in Year 5 very soon and their residential trip to Dalesdown from September 2017 falls very early in the school year. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and is a valuable educational and social experience. The visit is taking place from **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. The residential visit spans two nights and three days and will comprise of a wide selection of indoor and outdoor activities.

Dalesdown is a Christian residential activity, conference and retreat centre, set in 8 acres of fenced and secure grounds with stunning views of the South Downs National Park. Operating from this site since 1991, Dalesdown provides flexible holiday and day retreat opportunities for Churches and Schools across West Sussex and beyond. The excellent accommodation and facilities include an excellent range of options for indoor and outdoor activities. We will be the only school / group in residence too. If you wish to look at more information please go to the website where there is a lovely 2 minute video clip of the centre, [www.dalesdown.org.uk](http://www.dalesdown.org.uk)

Sleeping accommodation consists of multi-bedded rooms that sleep between 4 and 8 children. We will not be allocating rooms until nearer the departure date. Staff bedrooms are located at intervals along each corridor so the children are never far away from an adult. The substantial dining facility can cater for all dietary requirements as necessary and we will be self-catering for the time that we are there.

The indoor activities combine hands-on learning so that every child has the chance to learn more about themselves, others and the world around them. The outdoor activities are motivating and energising and include: five-a-side football, basketball, volleyball (on grass), full size football field, adventure trail, children's play area, fire pit and petanque (boule) pitch! They bring the children face-to-face with new activities and team building experiences, promote healthy physical exercise and develop self-confidence.

We are also planning a visit to nearby Daylands Farm, which is walkable from the centre. The farmer and his daughter provide exciting farm talks and walks on a regular basis. Please also look at their website [www.daylandsfarm.co.uk](http://www.daylandsfarm.co.uk).



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The total cost of the trip is **£65**. This cost includes all insurance, overnight accommodation, coach travel, food and use of all the facilities. The trip is priced at cost; the school does not make a profit but it is probable that if insufficient monies are received, the trip will have to be cancelled. Most of the activities we are undertaking whilst there are teacher led or free visits (e.g. Daylands Farm).

We appreciate that some families might find it difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum and, if you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us or Mrs MacGovern, in confidence, to discuss whether some suitable arrangements can be made to cover the cost of your child's participation.

If your child currently receives/has received free school meals (FSM) or is a 'Services' or 'Looked After' child we require a deposit only at this stage and recommend you have a discussion with Mrs MacGovern. If you think your child may be eligible for FSM please speak to a member of staff in the office.

A non-refundable deposit of **£20** will be required by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017** to confirm your child's place on the trip. They will then be issued with a payment card and remaining payments due as follows:

- Second payment of **£20** by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**
- Final payment of **£25** by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

However, with the payment card you can pay £1 or £2 on a weekly basis if this is more helpful.

Please note that initial deposits are not refundable; however they are transferable if a replacement can be found. This is because a cancellation fee will be charged by Dalesdown if we change the booking. The system works exactly as it would if you booked a holiday with a travel company.

We would like to take as many of the year group as possible (hopefully all of them!) and we look forward to an immensely rewarding trip. There will be a parents meeting early in September. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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