



St Julian's Church School



Aim High – Believe - Succeed

Wednesday 22nd September

Dear Parents,

Following government guidelines, I am delighted to announce that we have secured a booking for a Year 4 residential at Skern Lodge in Appledore, North Devon for a weekend stay in 2022.

The dates for this trip are **Friday 1st April 2022 - Monday 4th April 2022.**

This is a new venue for our school and we are extremely pleased to have secured this highly sought after site. Skern Lodge is one of the leading providers of outdoor learning in the UK and is a well established activity and residential centre. Sustainability is at the heart of Skern Lodge and they aim to reduce their impact on the environment in every way imaginable!

Please take a look at their website: <https://www.skernlodge.co.uk/>

While at Skern Lodge, we will have our own accommodation block and will be served delicious homemade food. Over the course of the weekend the children will complete a wide range of outdoor activities, including night-time activities. Specific details of what our weekend will look like will be shared in the new year, but our programme of activities will be designed to suit our class. Some of the activities available include River Rafting, Archery, Wall Climbing, a High Ropes course and even Crabbing! Skern Lodge supplies all of the specialist equipment needed for their activities, including wetsuits, at no additional cost.

The total cost of this trip will be **£270 per child**. This consists of £215 per child for the course (which includes all specialist activities and highly trained staff, accommodation and food) and £55 for a coach to and from Skern Lodge. We are aware that this is a large cost to ask for so we will be setting up monthly installments on Parentpay of £52.50 for 4 months. To secure your child's place we are asking for a **£60 deposit** paid on Parentpay by **Monday 4th October**.

Dates for payment:

- T1 Monday 4th October - **£60 deposit**
- T2 Monday 15th November
- T3 Monday 17th January
- T3 Monday 21st February
- T4 Monday 21st March



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We aspire for every single Year 4 child to attend this exciting, character-building and challenging week. Outdoor activities are fantastic tools for personal development, promoting confidence, team working, understanding others, communication, understanding risk, making personal assessments, reducing environmental impact and of course lots of fun!

If you would like your child to attend but have concerns about the cost, please contact Mrs Noall, the school office or myself as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions about this trip.

Kind regards,

Isobel Mills

Beech Class Teacher