



# Hughenden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **Hughenden Primary School - Year 6 Residential Visit 2018**

We are planning to take the current Year 5 group away for a weeks' residential visit to Calshot Activities Centre in Southampton. The visit this year will be for four days (three nights) as it is Good Friday on Friday 30 March 2018. The children will leave school on the morning of Monday 26 March and will return on the afternoon of Thursday 29 March 2018.

We have used Calshot before and were impressed by the knowledge of the staff and the excellent facilities. As the adventurous activities take place inside the huge sports centre and high quality protective clothing is provided by the centre for outdoor activities, the impact of poor weather is minimal. Calshot is situated on Southampton spit and benefits from a beach running along one side of the grounds.

Another reason for choosing this centre is that it provides an excellent balance of curriculum learning as well as adventurous activities. We consider it provides us with opportunities that are not available more locally. Although the final programme has yet to be finalised it is likely to include:

- Beach study
- Fisherman's trawler trip
- Skiing on the indoor ski slope
- Archery
- Abseiling and rock climbing
- Evening activities – possibly video making and crime scene investigation.

The site is fully self-contained with residential blocks and rooms that sleep 4-6 children, classrooms and a dining room with a good range of food choices.

The cost of the visit will be £308 per child which is made up of £256 for use of the centre and £52 for coach travel and insurance. We are asking for a deposit of £80 by 7 July 2017 and the rest in £50 instalments thereafter. The amount should be paid in full by 1 March 2018. We will be setting up a payment facility on ParentPay, or alternatively you may pay by cheque/cash using the attached payment card. If you have any problems paying this amount then please come in and speak with us in confidence.

We will hold our usual meeting for parents prior to the visit taking place on Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 8.30am. I am sure it will be a very successful visit and the children will gain much from it in terms of their education, social and personal development. Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions about this visit.

Yours sincerely

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