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Friday, 19th April 2024

Dear Year 5 parents,

Re: Year 5 Residential March 2025

Further to our letter sent out earlier on this week about the residential offer for March 2025, we have received several communications from parents which have highlighted concerns about the cost of this particular trip, as well as suggestions for alternative offers which might be more viable.

At this stage in the planning process, we have very much welcomed this feedback from families and we want to ensure that we are doing everything possible to move forward in a way that helps as many children as possible feel able to afford and attend the residential.

For a number of years, the AJS children have stayed at the PGL site at Osmington, and had a thoroughly wonderful experience, but we do appreciate that *next year's* costings for that destination been received with trepidation by a number of families, at a time when the cost of living is already high.

Therefore, please be advised that during these next few weeks, whilst we reassess the offer that we had made to this cohort of children, we would ask that parents do not pay the requested non-refundable £50 deposit for this trip. Any deposits that have already been paid will be refunded as soon possible next week.

In the meantime, please be assured that the team are working very hard to review the offer that we had made and we will be back in touch with you all just as soon as we have reached a final decision.

Kind regards,

Charlie Bartolomeo

Headteacher