



Wickham Common

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Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Overnight Residential Visit:

Downe Activity Centre – Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd July 2026

We are pleased to announce that we have now finalised our overnight stay for Year 5 this year. For various reasons, we have decided to change the venue to Downe Activity Centre, and it has been booked for Thursday 2nd July to Friday 3rd July 2026.

Wickham Common Primary School have been successfully visiting a local activity centre for an overnight stay with Year 5 for many years. We have found that by doing this, the children experience a wealth of challenging activities which encourage important life skills and qualities such as tolerance, perseverance and independence. As well as learning new skills, they will have plenty of fun too!

The cost of this trip is estimated to be around £75 (this includes two full days of activities, food and overnight accommodation), with the total cost having been generously subsidised by the PTA. Your child will need to be brought to Downe Activity Centre on the Thursday morning and collected on Friday afternoon (timings to be confirmed). Please note that if we do not receive sufficient contributions, then the trip will have to be cancelled. Also, as the total cost of the visit is split equally across all pupils in the party, we are unable to provide refunds. Final price and payment details will be shared as soon as the costs have been finalised. As such, we would be grateful if you could complete a short Form, letting us know whether you are intending on sending your child on this residential trip: <https://forms.office.com/e/d7acaikteK>. Please complete this by **Friday 13th February**.

Children who do not go on this trip will be expected to attend school as normal and accommodated appropriately. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the Year 5 teachers.

We realise that some children might be anxious about being away from home over night; in the past, we have recommended that parents might want to arrange a couple of sleepovers for them beforehand, in order to get them used to being away from home. We wanted to share the dates with you as soon as we could, in order for you to be able to arrange 'practice sleepovers' if you felt this would be beneficial for your child.

Further details including activities, timings, costs, equipment, payment options and a meeting for parents and children will be shared with you at a future date. PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO PAY ANYTHING YET – we will let you know when the option is available on Arbor.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Myles, Mr Hughes and Mr Walker

