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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 York Residential: Thursday 5th to Friday 6th June 2025

We are delighted to offer a residential visit for our Year 6 pupils, from Thursday 5th June to Friday 6th June 2025, to the vibrant city of York.

Due to the price of the London residential, which was going to cost £150 more than in previous years, we have decided to offer a residential visit to the historical city of York.

As part of this exceptional residential experience, our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of exciting activities and educational visits that York has to offer. This includes:

- Experiencing the York Chocolate Story
- An immersive river cruise through the city of York
- Exploring the main city sites, such as York Minster and the 'Shambles'
- Visiting York Dungeons
- Exploring the National Railway Museum
- Staying at the York Racecourse

These activities will not only provide valuable insights beyond the classroom but also immerse our pupils in the unique atmosphere, sights, sounds, and energy of a historic city.

The cost to parents for this trip will be between **£275-£300**. This figure is based on the amount of interest letters we received. The overall price will depend on the number of children that will attend. If less children attend the price will increase; in extreme circumstances the residential may be cancelled. This price covers everything the children will need such as attraction fee, accommodation with food and transport to the York Racecourse accommodation. School is putting £1000 towards this residential to limit the financial burden on parents and to ensure as many children can attend as possible.

If you would like your child to go on the Year 6 York residential, please make a minimum non-refundable deposit of **£50.00** per child. **The deposit should be made via the MCAS (My Child at School) app.** If you are having difficulties paying via the app, please contact the school office and we will do our best to help. Alternatively, we are able to take debit/credit card payments, either over the telephone or at the school office **(cash/cheque payments will not be accepted), however, you need to have activated the MCAS app for us to do this.** When you pay your deposit, you are giving permission for your child to attend the residential.



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| | Amount | Due Date |
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| Deposit | £50.00 | 13 th December 2024 |
| Instalment 1 | £50.00 | 31 st January 2025 |
| Instalment 2 | £50.00 | 28 th February 2025 |
| Instalment 3 | £50.00 | 31 st March 2025 |
| Instalment 4 | £50.00 | 30 th April 2025 |
| Instalment 5 | £50.00 | 23 rd May 2025 |

The deposit and instalment amounts are based on 31 children attending the York residential.

Outstanding balances will need to be paid by 23rd May 2025

The balance must be paid by the deadline above – no late payments will be accepted. Should the balance not be paid, your child will not be able to attend the residential and any deposit paid will be lost.

The growth and development that our children gain from a residential experience is wonderful. This is not only through exposure to activities they might not normally have access to, but also through gaining independence and exhibiting interpersonal skills. Feedback on our previous residential visits has always been extremely positive.

In keeping with our Charging and Remissions Policy, the school may be able to offer financial support to those parents who meet the 'Free School Meals' criteria. If you feel that you qualify and would like to enquire about this, please put in a request, in writing and hand it to the school office.

We understand that you may have questions or require more information as the trip approaches. We will keep you informed about additional details, such as clothing recommendations and the itinerary, as we get closer to the departure date.

We believe that this York residential trip will be an enriching and memorable experience for our Year 6 pupils, and we are committed to ensuring its success. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kinlough and Miss Leyland-Brown