

BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

TUESDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have made a provisional booking for our current Year 5 children (Year 6 in September) to visit the Youth Hostel Association, Whitby in September 2025. We will be joined on this visit by our peers from Colsterworth C of E Primary School.

We will leave school on **Tuesday 23rd September** and return to school on **Friday 26th September 2025**. YHA Whitby, a Grade 1 listed mansion, sits at the top of Whitby's famous 199 steps and next to the iconic ruins of Whitby Abbey. From the panoramic views inside the award-winning garden to the building brimming with history, YHA Whitby is a magical place for groups. Our Year 6 children from Bourne Elsea Park and Colsterworth have visited the centre a number of times and were very impressed by the facilities and activities on offer. This is a unique opportunity for the children. Not only will they have the benefits of staying in an area rich in educational opportunities, but also the social benefits of living and sharing these experiences with other children of their own age. The aim of this visit is to provide a fulfilling and stimulating residential experience. Safety is paramount and supervision is high.

The package is all-inclusive - return coach travel, 3 nights accommodation, meals from the evening meal on day 1 through to packed lunch on day 4 plus a full series of activities and attractions and evening activities. Our programme will be finalised nearer the time but in the meantime, we have attached a copy of last year's activity list for your information. I hope you agree that it will be a wonderful experience for all the children.

We have been mindful of the financial impacts on some of our families and the total cost of the visit, although dependant on final numbers, **should not exceed £279**. I realise that this is a great deal of money, but I can assure you that it is well worth it.

An initial non-refundable deposit of **£50 is required by Friday 28th February** in order to confirm your child's place. Please note payment can only be made via ParentMail +Pay. Further payment deadlines are as follows:

£57.25 to be paid by **31st March 2025**

£57.25 to be paid by **30th April 2025**

£57.25 to be paid by **30th May 2025**

£57.25 to be paid by **20th June 2025 ***

***Please note the earlier payment date for June. This is to ensure that we can meet the deadline set by the tour operator to confirm final numbers.**

We completely understand that families may not be able to meet the deadlines set out. Providing that the deposit is paid, and full payment is received by 20th June 2025, your child's place will be secure. Please do remember you can make smaller, more frequent payments if you wish. If full payment has not

been received by 20th June 2025 your child will be unable to take part in the visit and any payments made may be forfeited.

As this is a curriculum enrichment activity, financial support towards the cost of the visit may be available for parents/carers in receipt of:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Qualifying parents/carers should contact Mrs Jones, Senior Administrator (telephone 01778 426968 or email BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk), who will treat the matter in the strictest confidence.

When deciding whether or not to run such a visit, consideration has been given to the increased pressure on family finances due to the current economic climate. Please do let us know if you require any additional support in this respect by emailing BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk.

Deposits should be paid, and consent given on ParentMail +Pay by **Friday 28th February**. Please note that our numbers will be finalised once the deposit deadline has been reached and we cannot guarantee that any requests for children to join the group after that date will be accommodated.

Full details of travel, clothing etc. will be sent to you at a later date. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 6 team or myself if you wish to discuss further any matters related to the visit.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Jordan
Head of School



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Please note:

Refunds and cancellations - in the event of a pupil withdrawing from a visit not covered by insurance, then any deposit will be lost and additional monies paid cannot be refunded unless a substitute student is available to take the place. The academy does not hold reserve funds which might allow it to cover the losses which would otherwise occur through cancellations. Our policy exists to ensure that public funds are not placed at risk as a result of withdrawals and cancellations.

