



Dear Parent,

As you will be aware, one of the many highlights of your child's time with us at Frome Valley is the Year 4 residential visit. This year, your child will have the opportunity to visit Hooke Court, near Beaminster. We have visited Hooke Court in the past and have had a fantastic experience. **Just to confirm: if restrictions change next year and residential trips are again not allowed to go ahead, a full refund will be available for parents.**

At Hooke Court, the children will be taking part in a number of activities such as low ropes and orienteering. It is a very well run centre with good accommodation facilities. Further details of the centre can be found at www.hookecourt.co.uk. The experience of a residential is a really important part of school life, offering the children an opportunity for personal growth as well as providing positive memories.

Our Year 4 residential to Hooke Court this year will take place from **Wednesday 30th March to Friday 1st April**. We will be at Hooke Court at the same time as all the first schools that feed into St Mary's Middle School so it will be a great opportunity for all the Year 4 children to meet.

The cost of visiting Hooke is **£161.50** per child. To secure a place, an initial deposit of **£30** is required **by Monday 6th December 2021**. To support you in funding the visit, we are letting you know the price now to help spread the cost. If parents would like a payment card please ask for one at the school office. There are just over 22 school weeks before the trip which equates to a weekly payment of £8.00 or a monthly one of £27.

If you are in receipt of 'Pupil Premium' and would like to use your £100 allowance towards the cost of the trip, please tick the option on the permission form below

We want every child to join in the visit and do not want finance to be a barrier. We have information on 'The Bridge Educational Trust' who may be able to help towards the cost of the trip. 'The Bridge Educational Trust' provides grants each year for educational visits to residents of Dorset and have helped parents from Frome Valley in previous years. The application process is a simple online form via their website <https://www.bridgeeducationaltrust.org.uk/> However, to secure any possible grant, parents need to apply by **16th October. If we can help in any way with any application or you would like further information please speak to the office or Ms Thorp as soon as possible.**

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We will have a meeting on **Wednesday 17th November at 3.15pm** to go through the arrangements for the visit and to answer any concerns or queries. In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could return the attached slip to confirm your child's attendance on our visit to Hooke Court along with confirmation that an online deposit has been made.

If possible, we would be grateful for all payments to be made online. If you do not have the school bank account details, please speak to the school office.

We are really looking forward to next year's residential visit and hope that your child is looking forward to it too.

I confirm that I give permission for my child _____

to take part in the Year 4 residential visit to Hooke Court from 30th March – 1st April 2022

I have made an online deposit of £30 ☐

I wish to use my £100 Pupil Premium Allowance towards the cost of visit ☐

Signed _____