

29th September 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

YEAR SIX: ROCK UK RESIDENTIAL TRIP - 26th -28th June 2024

We are delighted to inform you that we are able to visit ROCK UK for our Year Six residential again next year.

All children in Year Six are invited to join us for a three day, two night residential trip to ROCK UK Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough. The trip provides children with the opportunity to take part in a range of outdoor activities. The Centre is self-contained and provides excellent facilities and an exciting and challenging activity programme. This trip offers children the important opportunity to gain independence and have fun outside of the normal school setting. ROCK UK also provides good value for money in comparison to similar residential centres.

DATES:

There will be **three** days of activity programmes for the children from:
Wednesday 26th June to Friday 28th June 2024.

ACTIVITIES:

During the children's stay, they will be given the opportunity to experience a programme of adventure activities, which will be confirmed in a follow-up newsletter. We have worked hard to ensure they will have a completely different experience to their Year Four trip to ROCK UK. Activities are taught by the Centre's own staff, who hold the relevant teaching and health & safety qualifications. In addition, class teachers lead activities in the evenings, such as a campfire. Needless to say, the children's health and safety are paramount throughout the residential.

ACCOMMODATION:

Our accommodation is in bedrooms sleeping two to five children, all with en-suite facilities. Our staff members are accommodated on the same floor as the children. The catering is full board and the Centre's kitchen can cater for any medical dietary requirements. Children, who have a school meal, will be provided with a packed lunch on the day of travel and those, who normally have a packed lunch, should bring their own.

COST AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The total maximum cost for this trip will be approximately £285

If we are able to secure the maximum number of pupils on this trip, we may be able to reduce the overall cost for everyone. This is because accommodation costs are based on economies of scales and ROCK UK operates on a price bracket system based on the number of rooms required.

In order to confirm the final price and to calculate whether we can negotiate any further reduction with the accommodation, we need **confirmation and non-refundable deposit of £100 by 16th October 2023**. In the event that we have insufficient numbers to make the trip viable, we would unfortunately have to cancel and, in those circumstances, deposits would be refunded.

We recognise the current cost of living and are keen that the children get to experience this residential trip with their friends during their final year at Crosshall Junior School. As such, we are able to offer a three-stage payment scheme, as follows:

non-refundable deposit of £100 required to secure your child's place by 16th October 2023;

second payment of £100 due by 30th November 2023;

final payment of £85 (approximately) due by 29th January 2024.

Once the deposit has been received, further payments can be made in instalments. If you wish to do so, please request a savings card from the School Office when you send in your first payment.

If you foresee problems in making payments, please do speak to the school office. We may be able to offer further help on a case by case basis.

I am delighted to invite you to attend an information session at Crosshall Junior School on Thursday 5th October 3.30-4.00pm. The presentation will take place in the school hall and you will need to enter via the main office. ROCK UK's website, www.rockuk.org/centres/frontier-centre may be of use if you wish to gain more information about the Centre. If you would like to attend the information session, please indicate this on the reply slip.

If your child decides that he/she does not want to attend the residential visit, we will expect them to come to school as usual that week.

Should we have any concerns about your child's behaviour, we will contact you to discuss their place on trips. We reserve the right not to take any student, whose behaviour is considered in any way antisocial or unsafe. The Academy is required to undertake a risk assessment for all trips and visits. We cannot allow any student to take part in an activity unless any risk involved is assessed as being low. Details of the trips and our expectations will be conveyed to students via assemblies and during class time.

The Year Six class teachers hope your child chooses to come to The Frontier Centre, as it provides them with wonderful opportunities for his/her self-development and bonding with their peers. Year on year, we see the children flourish on our residential trips, enjoying the activities and time with their friends and teachers.

Yours sincerely
Martin Righetta
Head of Year Six

Year Six Residential Visit to ROCK UK 2024

Please return to your child's class teacher by Monday 16th October if you are paying by cash or cheque. If you are paying online, then please tick the consent box and you will NOT need to return this slip.

Child's name: Class:

☐ I would like my child to have a place on the Year Six Residential Visit and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100.00, (deposits will be refunded in the event that we have to cancel the trip due to insufficient numbers)

☐ I have paid the deposit via Arbor

☐ I **do not** wish my child to attend.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date: / /

Year Six ROCK UK Information Session – Thursday 5th October 3:30-4.00pm

Please return to your child's teacher by Wednesday 4th October 2023.

Child's name: ----- Class: -----

I/We will attend the online information session on **Thursday 5th October 3:30-4:00pm**

Signed: ----- (Parent/Carer)