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Dear Year 4 Parents,

Year 5 residential visit – Osmington Bay, Dorset (20th March – 23rd March 2012)

Following a successful and exciting trip to Osmington Bay in 2011, we are currently planning to run this trip again in 2012 on the above dates. Although this letter may appear a little premature, to enable us to secure 2011 prices for the PGL element of the total cost, we have to pay the initial deposit to PGL by 30th June.

Osmington Bay is a PGL Field Studies Centre in Dorset – situated overlooking the sea in the heart of the World Heritage site just outside Weymouth. It is a fabulous field study and activity centre, situated on a rocky shoreline, amongst fossil rich rocks and set in 45 acres of grounds with secure access to its own beach. The centre is within easy vicinity of Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, which is used for a day study excursion to link in with our 'Coasts' topic. The children's accommodation is in comfortable chalets with up to four beds, all with en-suite bathrooms.

PGL is a leading provider of activity courses for schools and youth groups in the UK and has over 50 years experience in preparing curriculum-based activities and tours. All activities are delivered by highly trained and CRB-checked staff in a safe and secure environment. In addition to developing geographical fieldwork techniques, studying coastal processes and cove formations, we will be taking part in various adventurous activities.

Osmington Bay also sports great outdoor facilities, including a Giant Swing, climbing and abseiling towers, a football pitch and an underground tunnel trail. Other facilities include Aeroball courts, a large sports hall and an immense activity zone. Fully supervised programmes of evening activities have in the past included a scavenger hunt, team games and orienteering-style activities. In addition to the Year 5 teachers, we will also be seeking parent volunteers to accompany us. In order to provide you with further information and to answer any questions you may have, a short meeting for parents will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday 7th June.

This year, the cost for the residential trip will be £225, a small increase on the charge for last year. If you wish to pay the full amount in advance, please send your cheque in with the reply slip. However, we also offer the opportunity to phase the payment over a longer period – if you wish to take advantage of this facility, please send four cheques when you submit your reply slip, as follows:

- Non refundable deposit of £30 dated 24th June 2011
- 2nd deposit of £65, post dated for 30th September 2011
- 3rd deposit of £65, post dated for 11th November 2011
- Final balance of £65, post dated for 13th January 2012

Please make all cheques payable to The Raleigh School Fund and return the reply slip below, together with your cheques, by FRIDAY 24th JUNE. Hopefully, from September onwards, we will also be offering an online payment facility – further details will be provided in due course.

Although the cost of this trip is a voluntary contribution, if we do not receive these contributions by the due dates, a decision will be taken as to whether the trip can take place.

Please contact Mrs O’Neill as soon as possible if you feel that you may have difficulty paying these amounts. If you would like to pay in instalments different from those above or discuss other payment arrangements of the full amount, please contact Mr Shand. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Light, as you will be entitled to a significant discount.

Yours sincerely

Anna Maclean

George Shand

Reply slip

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I do/do not wish my child to take part in the above residential visit and agree to their participation in the activities.

I enclose a cheque for £225 in full payment.

I enclose a cheque for £30 and three post-dated cheques.

I enclose a cheque for £30 and would be interested in paying the balance via an online payment facility.

I am/am not available to help on the trip.

(Please delete as appropriate)

Signed **Name of child** **Class**

