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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Proposed Year 6 Residential - Wick Court, Gloucestershire 2021

For the last 10 years, Year 6 has gone on residential in the Spring Term to a working farm. The staff have accompanied the children for 7 nights (Friday to Friday) to Wick Court, where the children experience a week in the life of a real, working farm, owned by the author Michael Morpurgo. The accommodation is an Elizabethan manor house and the trip is fully catered for. The children get involved in all sorts of activities around the farm including:



- Feeding cows, pigs, poultry and sheep
- Feeding baby lambs and calves
- Collecting eggs
- Visiting Oldbury Dairy Farm
- Preparing and cooking meals with farm produce
- Please visit <http://www.farmsforcitychildren.org/> for more information

As you can appreciate, we are still in very uncertain times and at present the Government is *not* allowing residential trips to take place. We are very much hoping this will change in the coming academic year. Last year's Year 6 were incredibly fortunate as they were the very last group of Year 6 children to get their trip, returning on 20th March as the country went into lockdown!

We are currently liaising with Farms for City Children and very much hope we can offer this 'once in a lifetime trip' for our current Year 6. Exact dates, costings and the length of the trip are yet to be confirmed, however, we would like to gauge the level of interest from families at this time. It is anticipated that the cost of the trip would be £300-£350. The total cost would include food & coach travel as well as all other activities. We would also give as much notice as possible to allow parents/carers to pay in monthly instalments.

At this stage we are asking for a £25 deposit if you are interested in your child attending. Should the trip not be able to go ahead due to restrictions still being in place, this would be fully refunded. If the trip goes ahead but your change your mind, the deposit will not be refunded. **Please make the deposit payment via ParentMail.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs A. Crittenden
Headteacher

Testimonials from our Year 6 children!

Alistair – it shows how much work goes into producing our food that we take for granted

Mya – Wick Court was an amazing experience. I liked feeding the animals and the food was delicious.

Rhys – it was a really fun experience and I got to try different things that I don't normally do.

Lyndon – I learnt so many things I didn't know about a farm and the history of Wick Court, it is over 500 years old!

Kaylum – It taught me lots of life skills and I experienced jobs that I might like to do when I'm older

Fix-Son – Wick Court was so much fun, you get to feed baby lambs and play with them. It is so cool!