



LING MOOR
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Important PGL Update

It has come to my attention that some families of parents in Year 3 are concerned about the price of the proposed visit to PGL when the children are in Y4. The philosophy at the Academy regarding residential visits is very simple – we want to give the children the best possible experience at the lowest possible cost. However, residential visits are becoming increasingly expensive. In previous years the children in Year 6 would go to France and we have had to change this as the cost of the trip became prohibitive for our families.

The PGL visit that has traditionally taken place in Year 4 has seen a considerable cost increase this year. In order to secure our dates, a reservation was made two years ago to ensure we had an allocated time to visit. We were not informed at this point that PGL costs would rise considerably. We felt that the cost for two nights was unrealistic hence the change.

The increase in cost and the change to a single night stay was explained clearly at our information evening that all parents were invited to. The cost alone from PGL is £151 for one night and 6 activities. The rest of the proposed £165 cost was due to the cost of transport.

Any children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are entitled to a 50% discount. If you feel that your child is eligible for this, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this.

With any visit the Academy runs, ultimately we are faced with the need to ensure that the costs are met. The Academy makes no profit on these visits and when other costs such as staffing are factored in, the Academy makes a loss.

This is likely to be the last PGL visit as we appreciate that the costs are becoming increasingly prohibitive for many of our families but we wanted to make sure that the current Year 3 children had this opportunity as many of them have been looking forward to it.

In order to support our families, **I have taken the decision to fix the price at £155** with the Academy paying for a large proportion of the transport costs. This will not be repeated for future years. We hope that we are able to provide this residential for our current Year 3 pupils but we appreciate that the change may lead to some families choosing not to take up the offer.

The deadline for paying deposits has been extended to Wednesday 13th February.

Kind regards

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