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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 (Owl Class)

Year 6 Residential Visit to Ringsfield Hall – Summer 2024

We are delighted to advise you that Year 6 children will have the opportunity to attend a 2 night, 3 day residential educational visit next summer to Ringsfield Hall Eco Centre in Beccles, as part of their final summer at Phoenix St. Peter Academy and transition to secondary school.

About Ringsfield:

Ringsfield Eco Centre is a fantastic centre for outdoor learning and nature connection, offering 14.5 acres of woodland and meadow, with a homely Victorian house where the children stay for the trip. You can find out further information on their website at: <https://ringsfield-hall.co.uk/>

Please find attached the information booklet which we have put together for your information and to share with your child(ren).

Dates:

The dates which Ringsfield are able to accommodate us is from Monday 17th, 18th & 19th June 2024 (inclusive).

Costs – Payable through Arbor or at the School Office:

The cost of the trip, fully inclusive of transport, all activities and catering etc, is £208.00 per child - again, considerably cheaper than other larger activity centres. We appreciate that this is still a large amount of money for families to find, and are able to offer the following payment installments.

- 1. A Deposit to secure your child's place of £48.00 payable by 31st January 2024, followed by 5 monthly instalments of £32.00, payable from February to June 2024.**

Children in receipt of Free School Meals

For children who are currently eligible for Free School Meals, we are able to subsidise the trip by paying £25.00 which will leave the following to be paid:

- 1. A Deposit to secure your child's place of £23.00 payable by 31st January 2024, followed by 5 monthly instalments of £32.00, payable from February to June 2024.**



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The price includes provision of:

- Bedding and Towels;
- Cold refreshments and snacks provided all day;
- Continental breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit, yoghurt, juice daily;
- Light lunch; e.g. soup, sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fillings;
- Two course evening meal, all home cooked; all diets catered for;
- Activity programme as arranged;
- Transport;

What your child will need to bring:

- Changes of clothes, including warm clothing and pyjamas and dressing gown;
- Warm, shower-proof coat;
- Toiletries;
- Slippers for indoors;
- Trainers;
- Wellies;
- Water bottle, hat, sun cream/lotion;

Staffing:

The children will be supervised by: Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Buck & Mrs. Everett.

Benefits of Residential Visits:

We appreciate that not all children will have previously been away from home, and a residential trip may seem quite daunting; however, we very much hope that all of the Year 6s will be able to attend this residential visit as the benefits are proven to be hugely beneficial to children:

- ***Boosting confidence ready for high school***
- ***Personal independence and self-esteem***
- ***Developing wider life skills including resilience, courage and personal safety***
- ***Broadening their understanding of the natural world around them***
- ***Team building, problem solving and leadership skills***
- ***An opportunity to apply our four core values of: Aspiration, Courage, Creativity and Kindness***

Registration Form:

We hope that you and your child will be very excited and enthusiastic about the trip. Please could you complete and return the attached Form by Monday 11th December, along with your Deposit Cheque, Cash or payment via Arbor App, as you prefer.

Should you have any queries or concerns at all, please do speak with myself, Mrs. Buck or Mrs. Everett.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Matthew Jordan
Executive Headteacher



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Ringsfield Hall

EcoActivity Centre



Ringsfield Hall offers fully-catered group accommodation for 25-55 people. The attractive Victorian house has a large, airy conservatory dining room overlooking the fields, two sitting rooms, and a guest kitchen as well as the main kitchen.



There are 14 bedrooms which are a mix of dormitories, twin rooms, family rooms and doubles.



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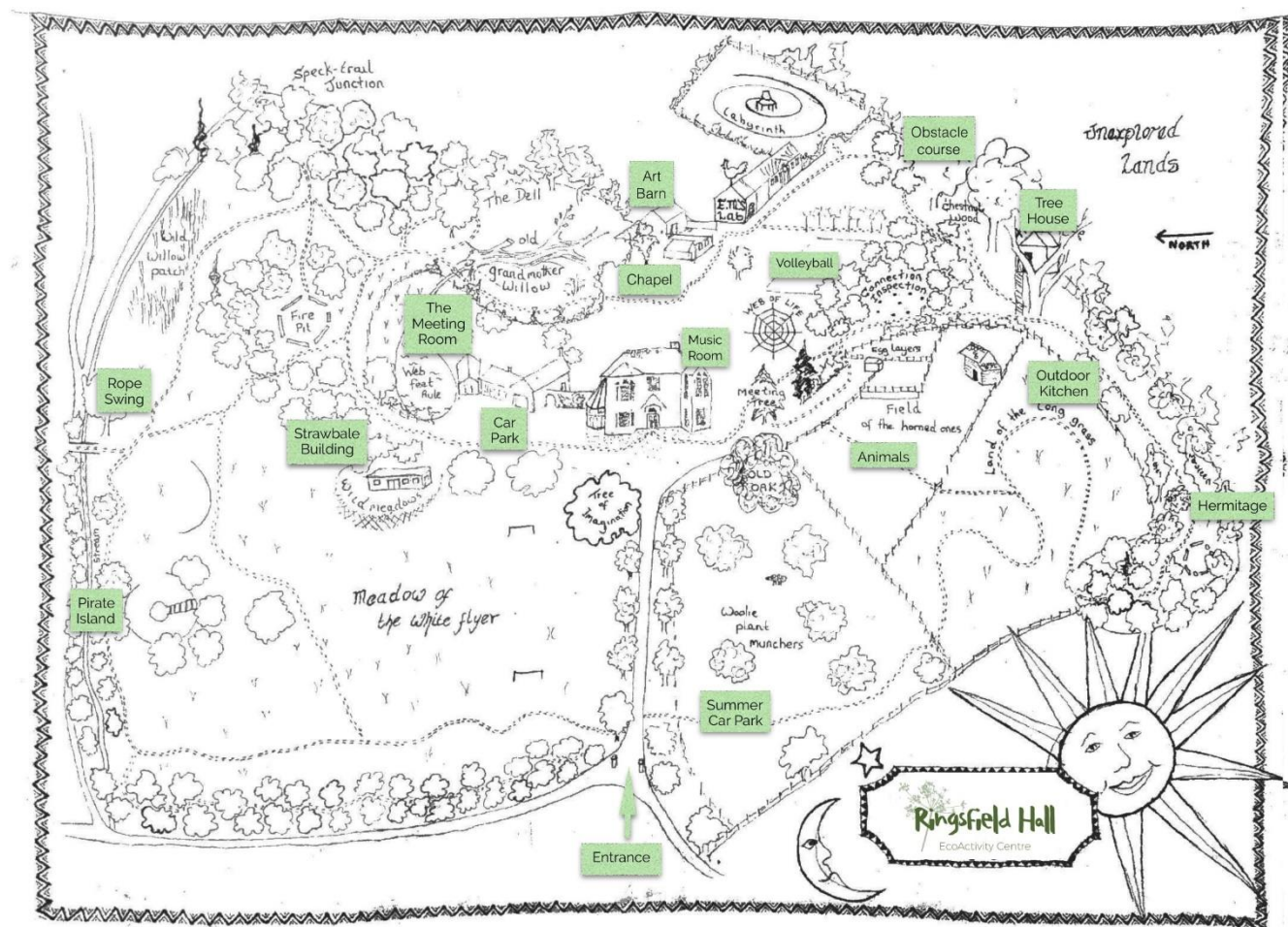
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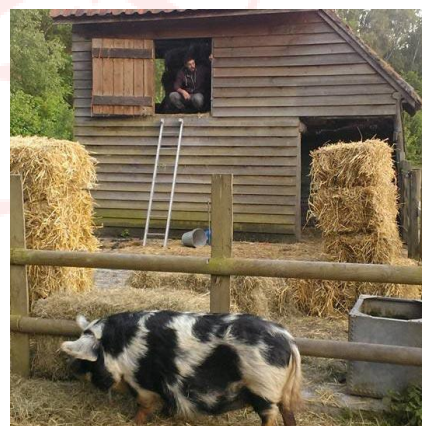
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Site map:



Our facilitators are Forest School trained with the addition of our own ethos. Our work has been inspired by Earth Education which imparts knowledge and experience to help inspire care for the planet and all its life forms, and we draw on a relational, person-centred approach to craft our imaginative programmes using drama, art and storytelling. We can tailor these to suit all key stages and to meet curriculum needs.





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Our magical grounds offer a safe, secure site with freedom to explore 14.5 acres, with an art barn, playing field, a tree house, animals, woodlands, meadows, and wild spaces, home cooked food and a great space to stay in the Victorian house.

What makes Ringsfield special is the relational and experiential space we create for children, young people and teachers; respectful, empathic and non-judgemental. The goal is to relate to the whole child, provide the freedom to play as well as learn and be creative, to build character and to reconnect with self, each other and the world as well as provide opportunities for reflection and wonder. A good educational visit should combine these elements of physical and emotional wellbeing.



These are the type of activities which the children be doing.

Monday 17th June - Bushcraft and Survival Day

Tinder selection, fire making with a spark, cordage making, natural dyes, cooking on the fire, shelter building using forked poles, and if time grass basket making. Students will use natural resources and identify useful materials.

Focus: Science, emotional literacy, PSHE citizenship, art, English.

Tuesday 18th June - Stone Age Day

Travel back in time to discover Om and Aa, where they forage the woodland, light fires and discover stone age skills. Comparing tools from the present time to Stone age times, natural paints, and cave art.

Focus: Supports science, history, geography, emotional literacy, art, English, PHSE.

Wednesday 19th June, morning - Woodland theatre

The day starts with a walk around the woods and some 'old wives' tales, then continues with traditional tales told around the fire, story and character creating and concludes with puppeteers and narrators performing a show in a theatre they have built in the woods.

Focus: Communication, art, drama, English.

**Departing after registration on Monday 17th June, returning
around 2:30p.m. on Wednesday 19th June.**



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Owl Class Residential Consent Form

To be returned to the School Office by Monday 11th December 2023.

Child(s) Name: _____

Will / Will NOT be attending the above residential trip to Ringsfield Hall.

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The deposit amount of £48.00 for Non-Free School Meal children

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The deposit amount of £23.00 for Free School Meal children

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Will be paid by Arbor, by 31.01.2024

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Will be paid by Debit Card via School Office, by 31.01.2024

PLEASE SELECT THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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I agree to paying the balance of £160.00 in 5 monthly instalments of £32.00 from February 2024 – June 2024 inclusive.

I understand that should I withdraw my child after payment of the deposit and submission of this form the full amount may still be payable.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Parent / Carer of Child named above.

Date: _____