

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School



Holt Hall Residential trip for Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 13 November – Friday 15 November 2019

Dear Parents,

I do hope that those of you who attended the meeting about the proposed Holt Hall field trip for the current Year 4 and 5 pupils (Year 5 & 6 in September) found it informative and helpful. For those of you unable to attend, the powerpoint and presentation we used at the meeting have been put on the school website (Parents – School trips)

We very much hope to take our pupils to Holt Hall in the Autumn term. Holt Hall is set in 35 hectares of ancient woodland, lawns, lakes and gardens close to the North Norfolk coast. This well established residential and educational centre provides a variety of opportunities for learning outside the classroom and for enhancing the school curriculum.

The group leaders will be Miss Owen and Mrs Taylor, so the pupils will be with their class teachers throughout the duration of the trip. Mrs Green (first aider) will also be looking after the pupils on the trip. Support staff familiar to the pupils will also be accompanying the children, with additional support for pupils with particular needs. The ratio of adults to children will be well within the county guidelines for field trips of this sort. We shall give you further details about the staffing arrangements nearer the time, once this is finalised.

Choice of Holt Hall Study Centre:

We have had many successful trips to Holt Hall for a number of years for the following reasons:

- The centre is managed by Norfolk County Council and enjoys an excellent reputation for the quality of its work. The centre holds the “Learning Outside the Classroom” Quality Badge, and has very experienced and enthusiastic staff
- Holt Hall is about nurturing the individual and caring for the environment. Holt Hall opens young people’s eyes to another world, where the outside environment teaches children through a hands-on practical approach which engages ALL learners
- We will have sole use of the centre
- A trip to Holt Hall provides enhancement of our curriculum, particularly science, art and ecology, as well as a variety of team work opportunities, such as orienteering.



Cost:

The full cost of the trip will be £120, which will include transport to and from the centre, all residential costs and all the expert-led activities. We are more than happy for parents to pay by instalments, thereby spreading the cost.

Board and lodging is chargeable for all children and therefore is not a voluntary contribution; this amount is half of the full price. The remaining cost of the trip is funded by voluntary contributions, however if insufficient contributions are made the trip may not be able to go ahead as any shortfall would need to be covered from the school budget. If you are unable to pay the full cost please speak to the school office staff or your child's class teacher.

Children who are eligible for free school meals will be entitled to free board and lodging during the trip (this is subsidised by the Pupil Premium - additional funding which is received from the government for those children). This amount will be half of the full price. The remaining cost of the trip plus the cost of transport, for those parents, will be sought from voluntary contributions.

We would love to see as many of the children pupils as possible go on the 2019 trip to Holt Hall and we are happy to talk over any concerns pupils or parents might have which could prevent anyone attending.

We now need to know exactly how many pupils we shall be taking in November, and the commitment of parents towards the trip. Please could you return the slip below (in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Holt Hall residential") to your child's class teacher by **Thursday 11 July**, with a non-refundable deposit of £20. Please make cheques payable to Acle St Edmund Primary School.

If there is insufficient interest in the trip we will let you know as soon as possible, and deposits will be returned.

Please come to see Miss Owen, Mrs Taylor or myself if you have any further questions. If you feel that you will have difficulties in fulfilling your commitment towards the cost of the trip, please discuss this with any of us in confidence.

Yours faithfully

Mr Henery

P.S. Please return the slip even if your child is NOT going on the trip so that we can account for all children.

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My child _____ Class/Year ____/____ * **will / will not** be attending
the **Holt Hall residential trip** (*please delete as appropriate)

I will pay the full cost of the trip of £120

or

I intend to make a contribution of £ towards the cost of the trip (min £60)

I am in receipt of FREE SCHOOL MEALS, which allows my child to have free board
and lodgings and will make a voluntary contribution of £.....

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £20 to secure my child's place on the trip

Signed (Parent / Guardian)