



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with regret that I must announce that in future we are no longer able to sustain providing a residential camp in both Year 4 and Year 6 for our children. This is due to rising costs and reduced staffing capacity to supervise the children on camp whilst also covering classes for those children in Year 3 and Year 5 who do not attend. We believe strongly in the importance of outdoor education in all its forms and are committed to continuing to provide a residential camp experience.

In future, there will be a single week long camp for the children in Year 5 in the summer term each year. The focus will continue to be on outward bounds experiences such as climbing and abseiling and environmental education. The new arrangements will enable us to continue our commitment to providing these experiences whilst keeping costs manageable and enabling us to minimise the impact on the rest of the school.

Next year's Year 6, therefore, will be the last year group to attend the PGL camp in September 2019. The first Year 5 camp will be held in June 2020. We are currently finalising arrangements so that we can send details to parents of children in Year 5 early in September.

If you have any queries, about our new arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Randell  
Head Teacher

