West Leigh Junior School

Principal: Mr M Aggus

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13th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 5 Residential

As you are probably aware, we arrange a Year 5 residential visit at the start of the autumn term and this year we are visiting Mersea Outdoor Activity Centre. The Year 5 residential has been a success for many years as it gives the children an opportunity to build new friendships and develop their outdoor learning skills.

This year, the children will visit Mersea from **Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th September 2026,** spending Wednesday and Thursday night away. The cost of the visit will be **£220**. This will include travel, food, accommodation and activities. The activities range from rock climbing to paddle boarding.

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting opportunity, please **pay a non-refundable deposit of £40 via Arbor by Friday 13th February 2025**. This will be live on Arbor from 6pm on Wednesday 28th January. Following this, there will be three more instalments:

- **The first £60 by Friday 27th March 2026**
- **The second £60 by Friday 22nd May 2026**
- **The final £60 by Friday 26th June 2026**

Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and should numbers exceed places, children will be placed on a waiting list in case others should withdraw from the trip. If the 120 places get filled for this trip it will no longer be visible on Arbor and we ask that you email the school office to be placed onto the waiting list. If a place becomes available, we will contact you to let you know. In previous years, 120 places has been a sufficient number to accommodate those wishing to attend.

There will be a meeting for parents to give you detailed information of the trip on Thursday 4th June at 7pm in the dining hall.

For those children who choose not to go on the Mersea residential, there will be activities arranged in the local Southend area.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nash
Residential Co-ordinator

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