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Dear Year 5 Parent/ Carers,

As we explained last year, because historically we have struggled to get 30 pupils from this year group to attend residential visits, we have not arranged a visit to Mersea Island for Year 5 this year.

We feel that this is unfortunate as the children gain so much from residential visits including opportunities to develop their independence, resilience, problem solving and team building skills.

With that in mind, the school has researched the possibility of the children attending a residential visit at the start of year 6. The provision dates would be 16-18<sup>th</sup> September, when the weather should still be nice. We think that this would be a great way for the children to help the children to bond, at the start of the academic year.

The proposed venue would be Gorsefield, which is used by a number of Tower Hamlets schools. The cost would be £100 per child and this would need to be paid before the summer holidays. To give an indication, the programme is likely to be as follows:

8:00am - 8:30am  8.30am - 9:30am  Leave school for Gorsefield  Preparing for the day Bedroom tidy  Arrive at Gorsefield - approx. 9:30am  Unpacking, settling in and introduction to grounds  Team Building Activity 1  12.30pm-1.45pm  Lunch & Quiet time  Long Walk (Discovering the features of the Essex Rural Countryside)  Long Walk (Disnovering the features of the Essex Rural Countryside)  1.30pm-6.30pm  Breakfast  Preparing for the day Bedroom tidy  Preparing for the day Preparing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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In order to proceed, we would like to get an indication of how many families would be interested in sending their child. If you would consider sending your child please could you reply to this text with Y (for yes) or N (for no) by 12pm on 14th March. This is not a commitment to attend, but will allow us to see whether we are likely to get sufficient numbers to allow the trip to take place.

We have not mentioned the possibility of this trip to the children, as we do not wish to cause them disappointment, if it cannot go ahead.











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