



Dear Parents/Carers,

Great Potheridge Residential (GPH) w/c 7th June 2027

Children in Year 6 are given the opportunity to go on an outdoor educational residential visit to Great Potheridge House (GPH) in Devon during the summer term. The GPH site is set in 6 acres of land and is the remaining wing of a 17th century mansion house. It has huge amounts of history and space to be discovered and explored.

Children stay in basic “bunkhouse” style accommodation, which is divided between the barn and the main house. The girls staying in one set of rooms in the barn and main house and the boys are based separately. Children have their own shared toilets and bathrooms, which are on a rota for use at different times. The accommodation is basic, clean and tidy. Staff have access to their own shared facilities.

During the week, the children are based in groups of approximately 10, for daily activities. Each group experiences the same activities, weather dependent, including archery, team tasks and orienteering. As part of the trip we will visit Dartmoor for scrambling and climbing and a further day will be spent on the lake taking part in water activities such as canoeing and raft building.

All the instructors at Great Potheridge House are qualified for the activities which they lead and all instructors have enhanced DBS checks. All meals are produced on site and include a cooked breakfast, packed lunch and a cooked evening meal.

The Y6 residential visit provides children with many opportunities including and developing independence, boosting confidence, developing strategies for facing the new challenges, especially prior to Year 7, and learning about the value of teamwork and widening friendships.

Please be aware that we do not permit the children to bring mobile phones or SMART watches. We will always contact you and keep you informed if your child suffers an injury. Please do bear in mind though that we will not be able to make contact with you for day-to-day anxieties or worries, in exactly the same way as if your child was in school. The mobile phone reception in this part of Devon is quite unreliable so we generally update parents once a day, by text, as to progress made. You can expect to be text when your child has arrived, what activities they are getting involved with on the day and when they are due to arrive home. Children (and staff) are usually very tired at the end of each day and updates are brief.

Next year's visit has been arranged for the week of Monday 7th to Friday 11th June 2027. The price of the visit will depend on the number of children taking part, but we estimate it to be in the region of £406 per child. Alastair Rice, one of the owners of the centre, will be attending an information evening on Wednesday 4th November at 6pm in the main hall. We will be able to provide more information about the visit then and he will be able to answer any specific questions which you may have.

A non-refundable deposit of £70 will be required by 30th October 2026.

Please log into ParentPay and pay the first instalment by **30th October 2026**. The balance of the monies are due by **Monday 17th May 2027**. If you are unable to use ParentPay, please send cash or a cheque in named and sealed envelope (cheques payable to Noremarsch Junior School and exact cash please as unfortunately no change can be given).

In line with previous years, we have devised a suggested payment plan for the residential trip in June. This is set out in the table below and we will contact you shortly before the payment is due to remind you.

You can choose to pay more, or less, at any time, although we tend to find most families do find it helpful to use the plan to budget. If you are having payment difficulties or are worried about the cost of the trip, please do let us know by contacting the school office.

Deposit/Instalments	Amount	Due Date
1	£70.00	30 October 2026
2	£70.00	4 December 2026
3	£70.00	29 January 2027
4	£70.00	5 March 2027
5	£70.00	2 April 2027
6	£56	7 May 2027

Yours sincerely,

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