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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 6

It has been no secret that Covid arrangements have been the trickiest time in education that we have ever known in our lifetime. The pressure and constant changes have been extremely difficult and the unknown difficult to plan for. It has been so unfortunate not only for this cohort of Year 6 children, but for the last cohort too. No-one thought at the time that 15 months later we would still be managing the operational challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Budgets have been stretched way beyond anticipation and despite thinking that schools may have saved money, the opposite is true. We have had to pay all contracts despite not using the service (an example of this is over £1000 per school for Mr Hills, the Singing Teacher).

In addition to this, school has had higher than ever costs in other areas that were not budgeted for: cover costs due to people needing to isolate for themselves or family members, feeling unwell after vaccinations, or for other personal reasons exacerbated by the pandemic; increased domestic supplies to meet the requirement of the risk assessments, and other increased charges such as paper and photocopying. One bill for the photocopier for 6 months was **£2694.54!**

Despite this, we have worked relentlessly to try and ensure stability and quality of education for all, as well as managing the emotional needs of the children. There has not been a substantive Teacher in Willow class since November 2020 so ensuring quality education for the children has been a key priority.

We are so disappointed that this is another school year that has been disrupted for the children. The pandemic is **not over** - schools are **still** experiencing bubble closures and staff isolating having caught Covid. Our staff aren't fully vaccinated yet, and there is talk of the Government extending lock down beyond June 21st.

All of these factors must be taken into consideration when planning activities beyond the school setting.

Plans for Year 6:

On the last day of term, the Year 6 children will enjoy a picnic with their friends (families may be invited if permitted); they will receive their school Leaver's Teddies and Autograph Books in their Leaver's

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Assembly, and an award trophy. I have also booked an ice cream van which will come into school – Year 6 will be able to enjoy this first and then **everyone else in school** will receive an ice cream (paid for by school). The cost of these treats at school is £270.

We have been exploring many options for Y6 that could be implemented in the last two weeks of term and charged to parents in place of residential. Nothing has been confirmed yet as we are awaiting the guidance next week. These are always booked well in advance so many companies are full already.

We were hoping to bring the children together (like they would have done on residential) for a 90 minute Samba Drum Workshop and a visit to Yeadon Tarn to do canoeing and raft building - again, none fully confirmed at this point.

Bikeability was enquired about but our usual NYCC company had no availability. A parent has found a company but this would have to be completed in the last week of term, in Goldsborough as Sicklinghall is deemed too unsafe.

FROGs have donated some money in addition to school, and a local business, however, if other activities go ahead, there would be a parental charge. The children would be in separate groups as the capacity of a group is 9.

This would take 1.5 days per group – the children would need to be taken to Goldsborough with their bikes and collected on their allocated day. Last Day Finishing Time – 2pm

Yours
sincerely
Miss
Pickard
Headteach
er

Decisions please!

Carefully read all 4 options and please tick ONE option. By choosing to opt for any of the activities it is expected that parents will be committed to making the voluntary contribution for those activities. If there are insufficient funds raised to cover the activities, sessions may be cancelled and some charges may still have to be made to parents in line with the provider's charging policy.

Option 1 Bikeability Only:

Last week of term 19th – 22nd July in Goldsborough Village. Parents arranging transport and bicycle drop off and collection.

Total cost £1080 between two schools. Some initial donation has been offered from a local business, plus PTFA and **£15 parental contribution required.**

I would like Option 1

Option 2 - Samba Drumming (in the larger Hall at Sicklinghall) and Water Sports (instead of Bikeability)

Samba Drum Workshop – 19th July

£15 per child (plus any transport costs for children travelling between schools if necessary).

Canoeing and Kayaking at Yeadon tarn (2 hour workshop) – 20th July if no Bikeability or 2nd July if they can fulfil staffing - approximately **£20-25 per child** including transport.

We would also aim to do a get together, pizza and Movie Night one evening too.
£5 per child.

I would like Option 2

Option 3 – All Activities if the dates can be secured.

Total Cost £55-60 per child.

I would like Option 3

Option 4 - No Activities

I would like Option 4

Signed by Parent/Carer

Please provide your name, number and email below:

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