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### **Year 3 School Sleepover 'Residential Trip'**

25th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our improved Outdoor and Adventurous Education (OAA) for the children at Guildhall, the children in the current Year 3 cohort will have an overnight sleepover in school on the 25th June 2026. This will involve an evening Archery session, Bushcraft session and fencing session, whilst also allowing the children the self-confidence in attending an overnight stay away from home with their friends.

To make the experience as exciting as possible, the children will be sleeping with their friends in a partitioned hall (girls on one side and the boys on the other). Which we will section into areas with padded mats to go underneath their sleeping rolls for additional comfort.

There will be evening activities to cover aspects of OAA and to tire the children out! We will finish the evening with hot chocolate and a bedtime story, before putting them to bed.

In the morning (Friday) the children will get a breakfast and then get themselves ready for school. It is important that they feel that they have stayed away from home for a whole day in order to prepare them well for the first proper residential trip in Year 4, which involves one night and two complete days away from home. They will attend their Friday lessons as normal, although we will be planning a very relaxed day for them with more enjoyable activities within the day. You would then collect your child at 3.15pm on the Friday as usual.

There is no cost to parents for this, as costs are supported from the School Sports Premium. However, help with providing your child with a sleeping mat, a sleeping bag and pillow will be essential. They will also need to bring clothes and toothbrushes etc for the following day.

We will send out more details closer to the day, but we hope that this is an exciting prospect for your children. If you do have any concerns about preparing your child for this, particularly if they've not stayed away from home before then please let me know and we can discuss. This is an experience which worked very well last year and really did help with the children's preparation for the Year 4 residential.

Kind regards,

Andy Matthews

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