

Telford Junior School
Telford Avenue Leamington Spa CV32 7HP

October 2024

Year 4 Residential to the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster

Wednesday 2 April 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very excited to be planning our residential visit to the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, for a 3 day and 2 night stay from Wednesday 2 April 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025.

We believe that there are many benefits to be gained from engaging in residential, outdoor learning experiences. These include personal and social development, where independence, team work, confidence and self-esteem can be raised and strengthened through fun and challenging group activities. Many of these benefits can be transferred back into the classroom and beyond where they can have real and lasting impact.

Working in teams, your child will participate in a number of adventurous activities. We will send you a more detailed itinerary nearer the time. They will sleep in dormitories with school staff close by.

Funding the visit and Parental Permission

Under our Charging & Remissions Policy we are asking for payment for this residential visit since the school does not have a budget to cover the cost.

The total cost of the visit will be in the region of **£210 to £230**, which includes transport, meals, activities and accommodation.

The first instalment will be a **non-refundable** deposit of **£100** which will need to be paid on your ParentPay account by **Friday 8 November 2024** to secure your child's place on the trip. You will need to tick the radio consent button in order to make payment.

The remaining balance will appear on your ParentPay account in a few weeks' time and will need to be paid in full by **Monday 3 March 2025**.

Please see the full details on page 3 of this letter explaining why we require full payment and a non-refundable element.

We would also like to stress that the children's behavior in school will greatly influence whether or not they are invited to go on the visit. We need to put the children's safety first and be able to trust that all children will follow the instructions given by an adult and be responsible individuals. We hope that parents and carers will support our stance on this and reiterate this message at home.

We will let you know further details as soon as the activities have been finalized. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or would like further information, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please complete the slip below and make your non-refundable deposit payment of £100 as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 8 November, so that we can secure your child's place on the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Powell Mrs Woodcock Miss Herbert Mrs Woolmer-Tyler

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the Y4 residential visit to the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster 2 April 2025 to 4 April 2025

I **would not** like my child to take part in the Y4 residential to the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster 2 April 2025 to 4 April 2025

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer Date: _____

Funding of the Residential Trip

The school's Charging and Remissions Policy:

<https://www.telfordjuniorschool.com/school-policies/>

explains (under Residential Visit) that the school can charge for the board and lodging element of the residential visits, but we need to also ask parents/carers for a contribution to cover the full cost of the trip in order for it to take place. The costing for the trip includes transport and other costs in addition to the fee for places at the venue.

The school is still required to meet these costs regardless of cancellation of places, which is why we require payment in full and at least a proportion of the fee charged to parents/carers as a non-refundable amount.

The policy also states (under Voluntary Contributions) that 'No child should be excluded from an activity because his/her parents are unable/unwilling to pay'. If you would like your child to go on the residential trip but due to financial reasons cannot pay any/all of the cost, please could you inform the school office as soon as possible in order for us to determine the shortfall in income prior to final bookings. The policy states (under Voluntary Contributions) that 'when a visit is dependent on voluntary contributions in order for it to take place, it will have to be cancelled if there are insufficient contributions'.