



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

**Ford Castle Residential - Options**  
**Interest letter – current Year 3 and 4 children in the first instance**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, in the past both Class 2 and Class 3 have had the option to go on a residential trip. Historically, we have always used Ford Castle for the Year 3 and 4 children as it has age appropriate activities, is well staffed and safe.

The previous owners no longer run this facility but it has been taken over by a company called PGL who have residential centres for children and young people across the country. More details can be found:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/ford-castle>

We have been given two options and would like to ask for your preference considering one trip is for this school year and the other is for the following school year.

Please remember that we have now re-introduced our 2-year cycle for residential in Class 3 so if we do not have a trip this summer for Year 4 they will get the option of a residential when they are in Year 6 so will not miss out later on.

**Option 1**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Cost (excluding transport which is likely to be £20 per child return) £149 per child. This includes all activities, insurance, full board and bed.

**Option 2**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Cost (excluding transport which is likely to be £20 per child return) £200 per child. This includes all activities, insurance, full board and bed.

**Option 3**

**No residential**

If you could contact me directly, either in person, over the telephone, via class dojo or by my direct email. [Belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:Belinda.athey@whittingham.northumberland.sch.uk) with your preferred option by Monday 6<sup>TH</sup> March ( no payments or deposits required at this time) so I can confirm bookings, let the current Year 2 children know if applicable and organise a payment plan.

Best wishes, Belinda Athey – Headteacher.

