



BLETCHINGLEY VILLAGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A few years ago, the children requested more residential trips in order to help them develop their independence. We have therefore been working on a programme which builds up year on year and we have now tried and tested various locations. From our evaluations, we have now established a specific visit for each KS2 class, all of which we believe offer great benefits for the children in terms of developing their relationships and offering opportunities for them to push themselves. We have researched in depth to find quality centres which represent good value for money.

Below is the five-year programme which will be in place from 2016, with details of the duration, location, specific benefits of each trip and approximate costs. We hope that you will find this useful and that it will make it easier for you to make payments in instalments over time.

Year group	Duration and location	Specific benefits	Approximate cost*
2	Activity evening at school	Developing friendships. Experiencing outdoor activities.	£5
3	Sleepover at school – Friday night to Saturday morning in May or June	Independence. Teambuilding. Planning and budgeting. Cooking. Socialising with their peers.	£10
4	2 nights at local activity centre e.g. Blackland Farm or Downe (Wednesday to Friday) late May	Experiencing life under canvas and outdoors. Teambuilding and co-operation. Challenging themselves.	£60
5	3 nights at Cobnor Activity Centre (Tuesday to Friday) mid June.	Teambuilding. Independence. Learning new skills including water skills. Facing physical and mental challenges.	£200
6	4 nights at Ringsfield House in Suffolk (Monday to Friday) July 2016 and late June thereafter.	Teamwork and co-operation. Learning new skills including survival skills. Developing knowledge of and respect for the natural world. Developing independence as preparation for secondary school.	£220

*Some costs do vary depending on the cost of travel and the amount of funding we are able to attract to subsidise each trip. Any parent or carer who has concerns about payment is invited to talk to the office staff in confidence.