

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP - UFTON COURT, UFTON NERVET: 22nd - 23rd February

We regard it as an important part of our curriculum at Loddon Primary School to offer every child the opportunity to take part in residential visits. We have therefore provisionally secured a booking in February 2016 for the current Year 4 children at **Ufton Court**, the 16th century Tudor mansion house in Ufton Nervet, Berkshire. The trip includes two days at the house with a single overnight stay between, and coach travel to and from our school. This is a fabulous opportunity to explore rich sources of historical, environmental and outdoor learning facilities and to increase the children's independence and social skills.

Ufton Court offers schools a unique residential experience of staying in a Grade 1 Tudor Manor House, incorporating an earlier medieval manor house, which itself contains priest holes and hidden wall panels! Overnight each school has sole occupancy and freedom to use the house and sixteen acres of secluded grounds. The house hosts seven dormitory bedrooms to sleep 60 pupils as well as rooms for teachers and adults supervising.

Environmental Science visits to Ufton Court use the diverse and extended grounds at Ufton to stimulate interest in, and greater understanding of, the world, the environment and everything within it. The outdoor programme also encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences giving them the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others.

A recently created Saxon Round house and long house will be the focus of our evening experience of a Viking Feast, with the theme of Midsummer and Victory. This relates to our history theme of Saxons and Vikings.

The cost for this residential trip to Ufton Court is £94 (to pay for board, lodging, travel and activities). We will require an initial, non-refundable, deposit of £10 by 16th November to secure the provisional booking that has been made, the balance being paid over following months. Should we not be able to secure a place for your child, your deposit will be returned. In the event of cancellation, refunds are not guaranteed but will be considered on an individual basis. All cheques should be made payable to Loddon Primary School.

Section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002 permits the school to make a charge only for the board and lodgings costs for this visit unless you receive one of these benefits: income support, jobseeker's allowance (income based), child tax credit (but only when the recipient does not also receive working tax credit and has an annual income of less than £16,040), support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or disability working allowance. Should you receive one of these, you may not



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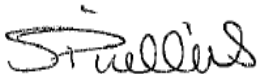
have to pay the board and lodgings charge (£47.00) and this can be checked after you complete and return the attached tear-off slip.

As the school does not have the funds to cover the costs of travel/admission charges, I must ask all parents to also make a voluntary contribution to cover these costs. Without this financial support, I regret that the visit will not be able to take place. In the event that insufficient numbers of parents/carers are willing to make voluntary contributions then the trip may be cancelled. We will write to inform you in early December should this be the case and all monies collected at that point would be returned to you.

The Ufton Court residential visit gives the children a fantastic opportunity to learn about Environmental Science in a secure and inspiring environment and we hope you will be enthusiastic to allow your child to attend in February. If you have any questions or comments, please contact your child's Class teacher who will be pleased to help.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by completing the relevant section of the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 16th November 2015.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

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Year 4 Residential Trip to Ufton Court - 22nd - 23rd February

Name of Pupil..... Class.....

The total cost of the trip is £94 (consisting of £47.00 for board and lodging and £47.00 for travel and activities)

*I would / would not *like my child to go on the Residential Trip to Ufton Court 22nd - 23rd February.

I am willing/not willing to pay in advance the board and lodgings charge of £47.00 for the above visit.

I am willing/not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £47.00 to cover the travel/activity costs involved.

I am/am not eligible for remission of the board and lodgings charge.

*Delete as appropriate.

Signed:.....**Name:**.....**Date:**.....



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