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Dear Parents/Carers

Residential Retreat at Emmaus Village, Allensford

Our Year 5 pupils (from September) are being offered a very exciting opportunity to attend a residential retreat at the Emmaus Village in Allensford. This will take place on **Wednesday 13th September – Friday 15th September**. It will involve a 2-night stay. We will be attending alongside Year 5 pupils from St. Patrick's Dipton and St. Mary's, South Moor.

Pupils will be collected by coach from school on the Wednesday and taken to the Emmaus Village where they will be led by the Youth Mission Team in a variety of small group workshops and big group activities. They will return to school on the Friday afternoon ready for the usual end of day school arrangements.

The overall cost of the residential retreat is £92.00. This includes travel, en-suite shared room, shared lounge/kitchen area, breakfast of cereal and toast, lunch, 2-course evening meal and use of extensive grounds. The retreat programme that the children will participate in is a mixture of workshops, involving praise and worship, reflection, dance, drama, art and music.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, a deposit of £10 will be required by **Monday 31st July** on ParentPay. You will be required to tick the 'consent' box when you pay your deposit. The remaining balance can be paid in full or in weekly/monthly instalments. As the trip is at the beginning of the academic year we have extended the payment period and need the final balance by Friday 20th October 2023.

If you have any difficulties regarding payment please don't hesitate to contact school privately.

Participation in activities such as this, will always depend on our pupils demonstrating on-going good behaviour.

Many thanks, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Burgess Executive Headteacher

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