



Dear Parents/Carers,

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Year 8 PGL trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight, PO33 4JP Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The Piggott School is planning a Year 8 residential trip next summer to the Little Canada PGL centre on the Isle of Wight. This trip encourages and promotes independence, self-esteem, confidence, and teamwork. The group will be staying at Little Canada, which is owned and managed by the reputable firm, PGL.

The group will travel by coach and ferry to their destination. The accommodation is full board. The weekend will include a variety of on-site activities, organised by PGL staff and accompanied by Piggott staff. The on-site activities will include water activities, such as canoeing, and team building exercises led by qualified PGL instructors. More information and a virtual tour of the centre can be found on the PGL website: [www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/centres/little-canada](http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/centres/little-canada)

The trip to Little Canada will take place from **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**; these are the dates shown as Activity Days on the School's calendar.

The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately **£235-250 per student**. The exact figure will be finalised once student numbers have been confirmed. Should the numbers fall below the minimum threshold then there will either be an increase in the cost or if there is insufficient interest, the trip will not take place. Pupils in receipt of free school meals are eligible for funding on this trip. If your son/daughter is in receipt of pupil premium, the school may be able to support with the funding of the trip should you require financial assistance. Please contact Mrs Ramiz if this is the case ([RamizS@piggottschool.org](mailto:RamizS@piggottschool.org)).

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please **complete the Consent Form** and **pay the £50 deposit** by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. The Consent Form should be completed online where possible, on the following link: **[ONLINE CONSENT FORM](#)** – alternatively, if you are experiencing difficulties with the online form, or would prefer to complete it offline, a paper version of the form is available from Mrs Greatrex, Trips Administrator, on [trips@piggottschool.org](mailto:trips@piggottschool.org). The £50 deposit should be paid online via SCOpay. If you have any difficulties with accessing your SCOpay account, the Finance team can be contacted on [finance@piggottschool.org](mailto:finance@piggottschool.org) or by phoning the school.

Similar PGL trips have been running for many years and students have always found them to be a valuable experience. The trips are extremely popular so please be reminded that if you wish to secure a guaranteed place for your child, you must ensure that the deposit is paid, and the consent form submitted, **by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Any requests for places received after this date will be subject to availability and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

An information meeting for all parents and students will be held prior to the departure of the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C. Burgess

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## Year 8 PGL Trip – Further Information

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The cost of the trip will be approximately **£235-250 per student**. We will confirm the exact cost once we have final numbers. This cost of the trip covers:

- Return travel by coach and ferry
- Accommodation and full board
- Full programme of PGL led activities
- Staff costs and administration fees
- Travel, Personal Accident and Medical insurance (this covers Covid related cancellations)

Once the final cost has been confirmed, you may pay the balance of the trip as soon as convenient however, should you wish to pay in instalments, please adhere to the following minimum payment deadlines:

<b>Payment Schedule:</b>			
Deposit	£	50	By Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Interim Instalment	£	100	By 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022
Final balance payment	£	100 (tbc)	By 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
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	£	250 (tbc)	

Should you require a personalised payment schedule in order to spread the costs more conveniently, please contact Mrs Greatrex on [trips@piggottschool.org](mailto:trips@piggottschool.org) to arrange this.

Whilst away, all students are expected to behave to a very high standard, as laid out in the School Behaviour contract. If, prior to the trip departing, it becomes apparent that an individual student's behaviour is unacceptable at school, thus causing us concern, you will be contacted. We reserve the right to withdraw a student from the trip if we believe their behaviour would have a detrimental effect on the rest of the party, or that their own safety and welfare may be at risk. We would endeavour to find a replacement student and then all monies may be refunded, subject to an administration charge. If, however, we were unable to find a replacement, the initial payment and any incurred cancellation charges, would not be refunded.

Should your child withdraw prior to the trip, or you are unable to continue payments, you would lose the initial payment, and any payments already made would be used to cover cancellation charges, the balance being refunded.



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