



# Oakwood

## Primary School

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Dear Parents

### **Residential to Minstead Study Centre (26 – 29 March 2018)**

I am pleased to be able to offer **current Year 3 and 4** children the opportunity to visit **Minstead Study Centre** near Lyndhurst in the next academic year.

Minstead is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn some important environmental messages and to live together in a community for a week. They explore the forest, walk on a bog, make woodland crafts, dip for creatures in the stream, make compost, pick (and eat!) vegetables, study the moon and the stars and hear some really old bedtime stories around the camp fire.

We have run this visit for many years now and it is always **very** popular. Places are **limited to 34** and if we have more children wanting to go than we are able to take, names will be drawn out of a hat. Priority will be given to those children who have not been to Minstead before.

The total cost of the visit will be approximately **£180** which includes transport to and from the centre.

I know this seems a long time before we go to Minstead, but it does mean that if you want your child to go you can make regular payments towards the cost of the visit.

We have arranged a parents' meeting on **Tuesday 2 May at 2.45 pm** and would like to invite all current Year 3 and 4 parents to come along to find out more about Minstead and what it has to offer before they make a decision about the visit.

We also have a great video of the visit: [links.oakwoodlive.net/minstead](http://links.oakwoodlive.net/minstead)

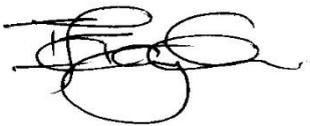


If you would like to book a place on the Minstead visit, please return the slip below with a non-refundable deposit of £50 by **Monday 8 May 2017**. (Cheques made payable to Southampton City Council). Please remember you may pay for this visit online. On receipt of the deposit we will issue payment cards. To avoid the need to make one large payment we are asking that regular payments are made, as follows:

Payment 1	£50 by 7 July 2017
Payment 2	£50 by 3 November 2017
Final Payment	£30 by 9 March 2018

Please also indicate on the slip if you wish to come to the parents' meeting.

Yours sincerely



Ian Taylor  
Headteacher

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### **Minstead Parents' Meeting – 2 May 2017**

Child's Name:

Class:

I will/will not\* be able to attend the Minstead Parents' Meeting on the **2 May 2017**

I would like to book a place for my child for the residential visit to Minstead

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £50 OR  I have paid my deposit online

I understand the total amount for the trip will be **£180** and this amount needs to be paid by **9 March 2018**.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please delete as appropriate |