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Dear Parents

Minstead Visit – April 2019

I am writing to let you know that I have decided to make a change to how this visit will work in 2019.

Minstead has a maximum capacity of 34 children, and over the past 10 years, the number of children wanting to go has more or less matched this number, and we have never been “over-subscribed”.

This year, 57 children want to go to Minstead, which is great news, but this has left me with a difficult choice.

Either...

- We keep the original 3-night visit over four days, pick 34 names out of a hat and disappoint 23 children because they can't go at all. (This would mean that we would give the first 23 places in 2020 to these 23 children, leaving only 11 “new” places that year.)

or...

- We change the 2019 visit to a 2-night visit over three days. This means **all** children can go and the cost will reduce from £180 to £140. We will work with Minstead to make sure all the key experiences of the visit are still included.

Putting the children and their opportunities first and foremost in my thinking, I have chosen the second option. The governing body of the school also supports this decision.

This means that if you have **already** sent in your slip, your child **definitely** has a place for Minstead in April 2019, but your deposit needs to be in school before half term. We will allocate whether your child will be going **Monday – Wednesday** or **Wednesday – Friday** before half-term, and let you know.



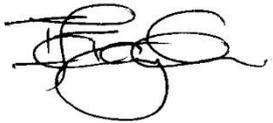
If you have not sent a slip in, the new arrangements and lower cost might mean you now want your child to go.

We have 3 more spaces for boys and 8 more spaces for girls. These will be allocated on a strictly first-come, first-served basis on the receipt of a confirmation slip and £50 deposit. (When they're gone, they're gone!)

I understand that the visit is now slightly shorter (and slightly cheaper!), but I hope you understand that it is in the best interests of all children to offer them an experience they might not otherwise get.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Taylor', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Taylor
Headteacher