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11th September 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have secured a visit to The Safety Centre, also known as 'Hazard Alley' for all Year 5 children. This is an immersive, interactive trip which involves teaching children about how to keep themselves and others safe in a variety of different scenarios. The visit is an excellent way to help children, as part of their PHSE education, to gain life skills and self-confidence if faced with potentially hazardous situations. More detailed information can be found on their website, but this is a quote to summarise the background to the centre:

Hazard Alley is the world's first interactive indoor safety education centre. It was planned and established in 1992 and was officially opened by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester in 1994. Originally conceived by Bucks Fire & Rescue Service & Thames Valley Police, it aimed to introduce children to risks, dangers and hazards in a totally safe environment. By creating everyday scenarios that children can walk into, we developed a learning environment where children can explore, investigate, discover and imagine in complete safety. It works so well that children don't even realise how much they are learning and their visit is memorable into adulthood.

<https://www.safetycentre.co.uk/>

Although we have successfully secured a grant to help towards the cost of the trip, there is still a fee per child involved, in order to cover the cost of entry and travel. The duration of the tour and activities is a half day, so no special arrangements will need to be made for lunches on the day of travel.

The date of your child's class trip is below:

Penguins/Toucans: Tuesday 19th September 2023

Kingfishers: Wednesday 20th September 2023

In order to run the trip we ask for a contribution* of **£6.50** each – payable **ONLY** via ParentPay, when you pay online this gives permission for your child to attend the trip, no consent form is required.

*Please see "Charges & Remissions Policy" available on the school website
(www.heronsgate.org.uk)

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Children will need to wear **full school uniform** including sensible shoes and a light jacket.

If the pupil is in receipt of free school meals/pupil premium there is a fund that you can apply for at school to cover the cost of this activity, please indicate on the reply slip below if you intend to take up this offer and return it to your child’s class teacher by Friday 15th September 2023.

The Year 5 Team.

Yr 5 Safety Centre - please return to class teacher by Friday 15th September 2023.

Child’s name..... Class

I give permission for my child to participate in the Year 5 Safety Centre visit and request that the school fund the cost of the trip.

Signed Date

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