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Dear Y5 Parent or Guardian,

Re: Y6 Residential Trip

We have arranged to take our Year 6 students (the current Year 5s) on a residential activity course to Essex Outdoors Bradwell activity centre, Southminster, from 30th June to 4th July 2025. As you may be aware, our residential trips for the last few years have been held at Bawdsey Manor PGL centre, however, their prices have increased significantly for 2025, hence us booking an alternative activity centre. Bradwell's closer proximity to Rayleigh also means that we can keep the cost of the coach travel to a minimum.

Residential school trips are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. They offer new and exciting challenges, and by 'living with' their peers and working together in a team environment, pupils develop independence, confidence, problem solving skills and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try out new activities cannot be underestimated. As part of activity teams, pupils learn to respect and value each other's abilities and their own, and they make fantastic memories that last a lifetime!

Fully trained and qualified Essex Outdoors instructors, with the support of our school staff, provide excellent instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment.

Example activities available include: *Climbing, Archery, Caving, Paddleboarding, Zip Wire, Kayaking, Raft Building, Campfire Fun and many more.*

Cost and Deposit

The total cost of the visit to Bradwell is £426 plus the cost of coach travel (to be advised nearer the time) and includes: full-board en-suite accommodation, all instruction and activities, equipment and safety equipment.

To confirm a place for your child, please pay an initial deposit of £50 via our online payment system, Schoolmoney **before Friday 10th May 2024** in order to secure your booking.

Parents' Information meeting

You are more than welcome to come along to an information meeting on Friday 3rd May, 3:30pm – 4pm in the school hall (entry via school office gate). This will give you the opportunity to find out more details and to have any queries answered before the deposit is due.

Rayleigh Primary School



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For further information about the activities, accommodation and the centre itself, please visit the Essex Outdoors [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Cole

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