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Year 5/6 Residential – September 2018

Dear Parents,

You may have seen during the Easter break that Wiltshire Council announced its intention to close the Oxenwood and Braeside Outdoor Education Centres at the end of August this year. While Stanton St Quintin School supports efforts to keep these Centres open, this has impacted our planned Residential visit to Oxenwood due to start on 17/09/18. Currently, the staff at Oxenwood think it is unlikely that they will be able to fulfil our booking.

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that we have booked a week at The Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean, www.wilderness-centre.co.uk. Mrs Weston and Mrs Austin visited the centre over the Easter holidays. It is very similar to Oxenwood in the types of activities it can offer us. It is a small, 50 bed centre; we will be the only school there. Despite the increase in travel costs to this centre, we have negotiated a discounted rate for the overall deal, making the revised cost for the Residential £252.20, slightly cheaper than previously stated. As previously stated this cost is calculated on a set accommodation and activity price per child plus the cost of transport, assuming all children attend otherwise transport costs may increase and there could be a slight adjustment to the overall cost

However, the dates have had to change slightly and we will now be away for the week 10th – 14th September 2018.

The activities will include canoeing on the River Wye, climbing, team-building, problem solving, bushcraft skills, campfire, pizza making and cooking in outdoor pizza oven. All staff hold relevant qualifications and meals are cooked on site using fresh, locally-sourced products.

If you have any questions about the new arrangements, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Kind regards,

Sarah Matthews, Yvonne Austin & Lisa Weston