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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an update regarding the trips and enrichment opportunities planned for our Year 6 pupils this year.

Following careful consideration, we have made the decision not to run the Year 6 residential trip this year. We recognise that the residential has been an enjoyable and memorable experience for many pupils in recent years, and we appreciate that some children may be disappointed by this decision.

There are a number of reasons behind this decision. The cost of residential trips has risen significantly in recent years, even during the coldest of the winter months, when the range of activities is more restricted. We have also seen the number of pupils electing to take part in the residential falling in recent years, which pushes the overall price up further. We want to ensure that the opportunities that we provide for families are accessible to as many of our pupils as possible.

There is also an important staffing consideration. As the academy has gradually moved through its planned transition to two-form entry, the number of staff available has also reduced accordingly. At present, we do not have the capacity to staff a residential trip while also ensuring that we can provide sufficient staffing and support for pupils in the rest of the academy and safety must always be our key priority.

While we will not be running the residential this year, we are very pleased to have arranged a varied and exciting programme of alternative experiences for our Year 6. These include:

- A new trip to **Warner Bros. Studio Tour, London – the Making of Harry Potter**. This trip will take place on Thursday 27th May 2027 and has been introduced as an additional opportunity to celebrate the end of SATs. Pupils will have the chance to explore the sets, props and behind-the-scenes magic of the Harry Potter films, making this a particularly exciting way to mark the end of this important milestone in their primary school journey.
- A trip to see **Wicked The Musical**. This trip will take place on Wednesday 7th July 2027 and will give pupils the opportunity to experience this spectacular production on the West End Stage.
- A series of day visits and experiences at the end of the term in July. Typically, this includes bowling, trampolining, a trip to the Circus, a beach trip and a barbeque and further details will be shared at a later date.

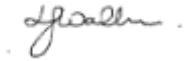
Separate letters will be sent very shortly regarding the Harry Potter and Wicked trips, to enable families to book places as required and to spread the cost through the course of the academic year. The cost of the Harry Potter trip will be £45.00 and the Wicked! trip will be £55, inclusive of travel.

Costings for the remaining end of year trips will be shared as soon as we have the information.

We are really looking forward to sharing these experiences with our Year 6 pupils and hope that the range of opportunities planned will give the children lots to look forward to and create some wonderful memories with their friends in their final year with us.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Watkins', followed by a small dot.

Mrs L. Watkins