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'Striving for Life in all its Fullness'

15th October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Year 3 York Residential – Wednesday 9th December – Friday 11th December 2026

Once again, we are delighted to offer our Year 3 children the exciting opportunity to take part in our much-loved York Residential. This is one of the highlights of the children's time with us and an experience that we know they will remember for many years to come. Residential adventures such as this are incredibly valuable, not simply because of the fantastic places we visit but because of the independence, confidence and friendships that develop along the way. For many children, it is their first experience of staying away from home with their school friends and it is lovely to see just how much they grow over those three days.

We have planned a wonderful programme packed with exciting experiences, including visits to the JORVIK Viking Centre, York Castle Museum, York Minster and a theatre trip. The children will also enjoy chocolate making and a range of fun evening activities back at the Youth Hostel. From exploring York's fascinating history to enjoying the excitement of the theatre and spending evenings with their friends, every part of the trip contributes to making it such a memorable adventure.

This year's residential will take place from **Wednesday 9th December** to **Friday 11th December 2026** and we will once again be staying at York Youth Hostel. We book full board accommodation and the hostel provides a varied menu for breakfast and evening meals to cater for different tastes and dietary requirements. The safety and wellbeing of the children are, of course, our priority. The hostel has excellent security arrangements, with bedrooms situated along corridors accessed by key cards held by teachers. The hostel is locked overnight and a Night Manager is always on duty. The staff are professional, welcoming and extremely accommodating.

The total cost of the residential, including accommodation, food, transport and the fantastic range of activities, is £230.00. We fully appreciate that this is a significant amount of money for families, particularly at this time of year. However, we also know from many years of experience just how much the children gain from these three days. The cost of the residential can be paid for in full via Arbor. If you prefer, you can split the cost into instalments as follows: -

- £46 initial deposit by Friday 30th October 2026
- £46 instalment by Friday 27th November 2026
- £46 instalment by Friday 18th December 2026
- £46 instalment by Friday 29th January 2027
- £46 instalment by Friday 26th February 2027

To confirm that your child will be attending the trip, please pay the initial deposit of £46.00 via Arbor, no later than Friday 30th October 2026. As we are committed to equal opportunities, no child is ever precluded on the grounds of cost. If you find yourself in a position that makes paying the total cost prohibitive or difficult, please contact Mrs Strutt in the school office and privately she will work something out.

An information meeting will be held on **Monday 9th November at 3:30pm**, where we will go through the programme and answer any questions that you or your child may have. We hope that all the Year 3 children will want to be a part of this great opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Effingham