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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 6 (Current Year 5) Adventurous Activities
Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th October 2021**

As you may be aware, we wrote to you some time ago about a possible residential trip to Kingswood Colomendy for your child when they are in Year 6. It was not possible for our current Year 6 to go to Colomendy in 2020 due to the national restrictions in place, so instead we planned a series of day trips that allowed the children to explore the local area and experience some amazing adventurous activities. They had the most incredible time trying out such activities as rock climbing, watersports and even Go Ape! The children made memories they will never forget and said they thought they had a better time than they would have at Colomendy and it was one of our best years yet!

Having taken on board their feedback, we have made the decision to offer the same to your child instead of Colomendy. Our reasons for this are;

1. The activities offered were amazing - the children said they preferred these over what was on offer at Colomendy.
2. The cost is lower for families.
3. It is a safer option as we continue to learn how to live with the pandemic. Whilst we are hopeful that we will not be living under national restrictions at the time, scientific advisors are warning of rising cases through autumn, as we saw last year. Doing day trips versus a residential stay with shared dormitories and bathrooms is a safer option and reduces the chances of a last minute cancellation.

This means that the **Year 6 Colomendy 2021 will not be going ahead**, but instead we will be offering your child adventurous activities through day visits, including:

- Monday, 11th October 2021: Watersports - try out kayaks, paddleboards and a really fun inflatable obstacle course at the Albert Dock, Liverpool.
- Tuesday, 12th October 2021: Boulder Hut, Ellesmere Port for a day of climbing.
- Wednesday, 13th October 2021: Delamere Forest, including the Go Ape! TreeTops course.

We will spend the remainder of this week in school, completing fun team-building activities and creating beautiful memory boards of all that they have done and achieved.

We believe this is a really important part of your child's Eastway experience and something we know that all children look forward to as they move into Year 6. Trying out new activities that push their limits has an amazing impact on children's ability to pull together as a team, take measured risks, grow in resilience and build confidence as they achieve things they never believed they could! For this reason, school and Friends of Eastway will work together to heavily subsidise the cost of the full week's activities for each child. However, we do ask that **families make a voluntary contribution of £35.00 towards this once in a life time opportunity**. School budgets are incredibly tight so we are only able to offer these events with contributions from families.

Your contribution should be paid via ParentPay, either in one instalment or by paying off little and often which can make it much more manageable for families to pay the total. We ask that all families have paid a minimum of:

- £10.00 by Monday 19th July 2021
- £25.00 by Monday 13th September 2021
- £35.00 by Friday 1st October 2021

If you have already made payments towards Colomendy, we will transfer any credit balance over to your account for this event. If you have paid more than £35.00 we will refund the difference by 26th July 2021 to your ParentPay account. Please notify the school office if you do not want us to transfer the amount over and would rather have a full refund instead.

We will contact you nearer the time with more information regarding what your child should wear and any additional information you may need.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Miss Coverdale through the school office email address at schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk with the subject header marked '**FAO Miss Coverdale: Year 6 Activity Week**'

We cannot wait for this amazing series of events and hope you are as excited as we are!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coverdale