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Residential visits Survey feedback

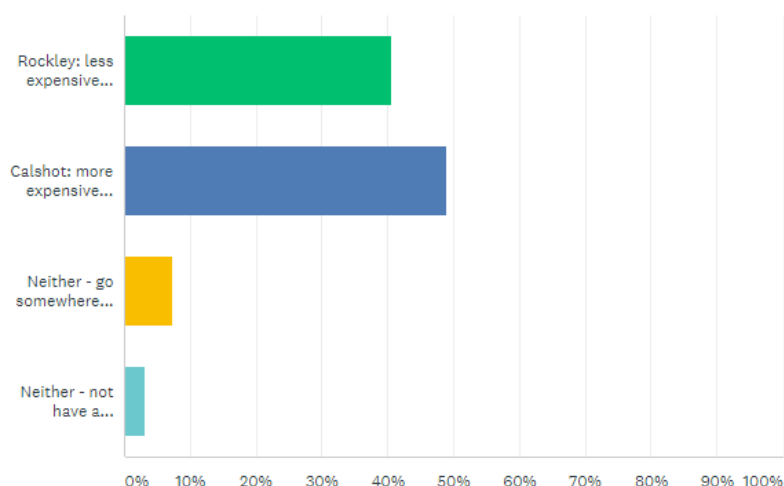
Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our recent parent survey on residential visits. We had 96 responses, with parents from every class taking part.

To help us make decisions about the future of residential visits, parents were asked to rank 4 different options in order, with 1 being their highest preference. A clear majority (59%) voted to retain the current pattern of residential visits.

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Current situation: 5 day residential in Year 5 and 5 day residential in Year 6.	59.14% 55	19.35% 18	17.20% 16	4.30% 4
Reduce either the Year 5 or Year 6 residential visit to 3 days (which would reduce the cost).	29.21% 26	58.43% 52	11.24% 10	1.12% 1
Only have one residential visit in either Year 5 or Year 6.	10.11% 9	19.10% 17	69.66% 62	1.12% 1
Have no residential visits.	3.33% 3	3.33% 3	0.00% 0	93.33% 84

Given the choice between Rockley and Calshot, there was a clear preference for Calshot, despite the price. Parental comments from question 4 would suggest that this is due to concerns about the accommodation at Rockley. As I explained on the newsletter when the survey was first sent out, residential visits for 2020 have already been booked and Gold class will be visiting Rockley next year. Rockley is approved by Hampshire County Council and we have visited many times without any problems or concerns, as do hundreds of schools every year. However, we shall act on your views for subsequent years and also continue to look for other suitable alternatives.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Rockley: less expensive (approx. £350), water-sports/sailing, accommodation in caravans	40.63% 39
▼ Calshot: more expensive (approx. £435), wider range of activities (eg. Indoor climbing, donuting, low-ropes), accommodation in purpose-built blocks	48.96% 47
▼ Neither - go somewhere different	7.29% 7
▼ Neither - not have a residential visit	3.13% 3
TOTAL	96

Finally, parents were given the opportunity to comment more generally on residential visits and 54 did so. The overwhelming majority of comments were very positive about what a fantastic and important experience residential visits are for children in building their confidence and independence. The school governors and I agree and have no desire to stop these. The survey was prompted by the difficulties we have experienced this year in collecting payments and the number of children who did not attend. We are conscious that parents have many demands on their finances and wanted to ensure that we took your views into account when planning these visits.

A few parents asked for the payment to be spread out over a longer period of time. Visits are generally booked in the spring term the year before and coaches are booked during the summer term. In response to your comments we are sending out letters today to parents in Years 4 and 5 about next summer's visits, rather than waiting until the autumn term. You will be able to start paying on-line for these immediately, which we hope will help. In future years we will send this out as early as possible.

Thank you again for your participation. The school values your feedback and we will continue to listen to, and act on, your views.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Pritchard