

Whole School survey on plans for camps / trips

49 responses = roughly 12% of the school

Attached are the recorded comments from parents

A night away in Y4 is good preparation for Y6 camp. There are school centres nearby such as Hill house in Bridgewater or Kilve Court and Mill on the Brue, Somerset.

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My eldest daughter has benefited from the Y2 and Y4 trips and is looking forward to Y6. The build up of 1 to 2 nights away has prepared and given her confidence that she can cope with 4 nights away. The focus on outdoor activity has made her more adventurous at trying things. I would like the same for my youngest daughter.

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I think it is a travesty that year 4 camp is not continuing in the same manner. Year 2 is understandable, and an overnight stay in school would probably suffice, but the year 4 camp has always provided a fantastic opportunity for children to learn and to grow and to face new, sometime scary, challenges, but always with the support and comradeship of their peers. If children are never presented with challenges outside of their comfort zone they will never overcome their fears and experience the huge satisfaction of achievement that follows. Year 6 camp is an exceptional experience and one never to be forgotten. But 4 nights away from home is a long time if you have not previously experienced being away for a couple of nights. The year 4 camp enabled children to realise they could be away from home, and have fun, and so by year 6 4 nights was not such a daunting thought. I am obviously speaking from the perspective of a parent who has seen a child do both camps, and loved both, and overcome her fears. And who has a sibling who wrote on his year 3 report that year 4 camp was what he was looking forward to most....

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My daughter really loved her y2 trip. It gave her a great sense of independence as well as being a great adventure. I can see why you might want to drop this one as the kids are so young but from what I heard they had a fantastic time. She is really concerned about missing out on the y4 trip. I view these trips as a learning activity.

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As well as school trips I would say that the school plays tend to take a lot of time out of learning/physical ed..... some children are not interested and don't benefit from these either.

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I agree with no longer going on year 2 camp but I feel the year 4 camp should still go ahead. This could be changed to 1 night to reduce costs. In respect of year 6 camp, the children look forward to going on camp after their Sats. They work so hard, they deserve to have that to look forward to afterwards.

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Very disappointed that Y2 and Y4 camps have been stopped. I believe it was a great opportunity for the children. I understand that a lot of staff are needed to go on the camps but it has been happening for years and all children and staff have an amazing time and I know parents are very grateful for all their hard work. Very very disappointed and so are a lot of children I know at the school. School trips will not make up for this. Y6 camp is for the children to have fun and relax after tests and sats.. they will not benefit from going on camp before sats.

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These trips are life forming and help develop personal skills as well as new friendships and, importantly in our times, resilience. I'd hate to see the trips for years 2 and 4 disappear purely because of admin or costs and feel that as a school we could do more to organise fundraisers to make those trips happen.

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I think the school should look at alternative ways to raise the funds so that all children can participate in residential camps, perhaps using some of the money raised by the PTA. I believe taking children on residential camps from a young age, starting with just 1 night away, helps them steadily build independence and confidence. Rather than no trips away from home and then 5 days

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Agree in stopping year 2 residential as feel they're too young but would like a short residential in year 3 or 4 to build up to long yr 6 residential

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No residential trip before y6 makes it a big shock for year 6 pupils. A single overnight at a minimum for y4 would be a good introduction. Distance is not important and just going to the scout facility at Almondsbury or similar would be enough. Understand the issue of cost and need for kids to be away from parents but you could get parents from another year group To volunteer to help. Some of us take kids away with scouts or Similar so have relevant skills.
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Of my 2 children, my eldest thrived on the trips but my younger daughter gets very homesick, so I can totally see how these trips just do not work for everyone and can be traumatic for some children! Plus I always felt sad for those that could not go on the trips. For many other reasons you have outlined, I completely understand and agree with your reasons for these decisions and wholeheartedly agree. I would prefer my child's year 6 trip to be at the end of the school year as she will be more mature to be able to cope with this later on in the school year. Many thanks
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When the children go on school trips I would prefer them to be outdoors and involve exercise, fun, teamwork/social interaction. Some linked learning is ok
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Having a one night stay in year 2, then a two night stay in year 4 develops independence early in a safe way. We have found this invaluable in building our children's confidence. To start with a year 6 four night stay would be too much! The children talk about these trips with such delight and anticipation - often for a few years before they go!!!
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My daughter had a fantastic time at the year 2 camp and really grew in confidence and independence. It was something she had looked forward to since reception! We would like to see this type of experience or similar continue as we think it enriches the learning experience greatly.
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My daughter is in year 4 and has been aware for a long time that the trip is coming up and is extremely excited. The opportunity for her to go away with school friends and feel a sense of independence was a huge turning point for her in year 2 and i feel a trip in year 4 for slightly longer will benefit her further. It also boosted her confidence in a way that no other event or trip has at the school to date. I would consider very carefully the value these trips have to some of the children. It cant be measured!
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We feel quite happy that the Y2 overnight trip has been cancelled as felt quite anxious about it. Very happy with more day trips Also, maybe some learning time at school (ie. a few hours of olympic games, spanish word games, learning games around their topics at the end of term). I would be happy to organise/help with activities at school.
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I think there should be both learning focused as fun trips.
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I think that residential camps are a formative part of every child's life - no matter what the activities they do whilst away (they don't all have to be physical). I have always felt proud that stoke bishop has offered such a range of camps for different year groups. I understand the costs involved can be difficult and the distance long for such a short period of time, but I do feel that overall it is worth it. I think if the school is determined to make these changes it should be phased, ie no year 2 camp this year and then review year 4 camp next year. I do think that holding year 6 camp in term one is a great idea.
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I think that normal school trips should be linked to learning but the residential 'fun' trips offer something a bit different that won't be found elsewhere and give the children an opportunity to learn to be away from home. Not an option given above but I think that potentially the Year 2 trip could be replaced with a 'camp' as suggested but the Year 4 style trip should continue.
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Thank you for involving us in the decision, a sign of great leadership. Am happy for the Yr2 and yr4 residential trips to be cancelled if something like a camp/sleep over in the school premises could be arranged.
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My children have loved the camps but appreciate they may be too expensive for some and some in year 2 and 4 may find that anxiety and physical challenges may be beyond them. I think what is proposed is more inclusive and would like more curriculum based trips e.g. museum trip for Egyptians home learning, trip to M Shed to learn more about Bristol

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Having had one child who loved, and was excited about, and one who enjoyed but was very worried about Y2 and Y4 camps, I would agree with them being removed. Not all children are ready in Y4, let alone Y2 but, by year 6, most are. I think changing providers for Y6 camp would be fine as I imagine you will be looking for something packed with as much fun and activity but I think it would be a shame to move it to the start of Y6 as it is a lovely thing for them to look forward to after all the hard work of SATS is over and a great step in independence as they get ready to move on to secondary. Also the weather is usually warmer.

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I agree with stopping the year 2 residential trip. A lot of children are still very young and struggle with being away from their parents for that one night and don't really get much benefit from it. However, I don't feel that stopping the year 4 trip is the way forward. As then in year 6 the expectation is that the children go away for a whole week on a residential trip with no build up to it. No previous experience of being away from home overnight or away from their parents for that amount of time. That's a big ask for any child. As for the cost element, our family is not well off by any means. But you could offer longer periods for family's to pay for the trips over? Therefore it makes it easier. If you let them know and give them longer to pay it's not an issue, but I often find with most of the trips the payment is required in a very short time frame. With regards to providers for the year 6 camp; it is my understanding that most schools use the same one and have done for many years. This is obviously for a reason. I would have grave reservations about going elsewhere when so many schools are choosing to use the same provider. Secondly, I think it should stay in term 6 as something for the children to look forward to. They will be working hard all year. Let them have the fun stuff at the end of the year. Plus the weather would surely be better and it would be a more enjoyable experience. Thank you.

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I would prefer Y6 camp to be somewhere much closer, sitting on a bus isn't that much fun for anyone.

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Y6 Camp should be an end of year celebration.