

Y4 Specific survey on plans for camps / trips

27 responses = roughly 45% of the year group

Attached are the recorded comments from parents

Actually we're fairly happy and relaxed with all these options - accessibility for low income families is important we feel but other than that happy either way.

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We were very happy with residential trip in Year 2, but will also be happy with a greater variety of trips.

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I think the trip was a nice reward for working so hard for the sats in y2. If you want to replace it it should be something that is a reward not more school work.

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I would be sad to see the wonderful Stoke Bishop Y2 and Y4 residential trips go; definite 'unique selling points' of the school. As a parent of a child with additional needs and anxiety, I can testify that my child, whom I definitely did not think would 'take to' camp in Y2, experienced a huge uptick in self esteem and independence following the trip to Kilve Court, the benefits of which continued to serve her for a long time afterwards. The camp experience allowed her to be seen in a different context (as opposed to the perpetually anxious and heavily supported child in the classroom), enjoying outdoor pursuits which are one of her strengths, repeated again in Year 4. Whereas I appreciate that camps present a financial challenge for families, I wonder whether there are ways of working around this? I already think you do a great job of supporting parents to budget for the trips through the year, but I wonder whether some of the funds raised throughout the year at the many successful fundraising events might be used to subsidise families in need? At my school, in an area of considerable deprivation (basically nobody is able to pay full price for camp!), we also used some of our sports premium funding to partially pay for our annual residential trip to an outdoor pursuits centre. I fully support Stoke Bishop in whatever decision you make, as I know you always have my children's well-being at the heart of your thinking, but couldn't resist the invitation to say my piece :) Thank you! Linnea Strand, mother of Lila (Y5) and Lucy (Y4)

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My son loved the mojo active morning he did in year 3, so something similar to this for year 2 maybe 2-3 times through the year to develop self confidence, team building etc would be great. Also more experiences like forest school (which they only did once in reception) which has loads of benefits and involves minimal cost and admin.

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We do understand the reasons for changing the provision. We trust your professional judgment. Aim for value for money rather than keeping costs low for the sake of it. There are PTA funds to be tapped into. Perhaps yr 2 could have a camping night at school too? Pitching a tent (architecture/STEM) or sleeping under a tarp; fire safety & night time wildlife watching would all be beneficial outcomes/life skills. How about an 'exchange' day with Mrs Walker's new school?

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I totally agree that year 2 camp is a big upheaval for pupils, parents and teaching staff and it's a relief to hear that it won't be going ahead this year. I'm absolutely sure that local day trips and/or activities can be equally (or more) rewarding and developmental than an overnight camp.

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Totally agree with all reasoning and personally happy that year 2 and 4 residential camps have been decided against. Mojo active great as long as fun outweighs scary!

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Agree that a year 2 residential camp is not appropriate as not mature enough to cope with the experience

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I think everything you have said makes absolute sense and more than happy to follow your lead. I feel my daughter wouldn't be one to partially enjoy being away on a residential camp, I feel these changes will benefit her and others greatly.

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I don't think that survey is very clear to be honest. Where is there mention of a Go Ape experience? Is that something they normally would do in Y2? Is this a suggested day trip for them in place of the camp? If so then yes I'm sure they

would love that but won't you have the same problem with some families not being able to afford this and feeling left out?

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