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Dear parents/carers (of children in current Year 4/5)

Y5/6 Residential Visit October 2020

Due to popular demand we are busy planning the Year 5/6 residential visit for October 2020 and we would like to tell you a little bit about it. We are planning a 4 nights/5 days trip, due to the success of the last residential visits that we have done!

The visit is planned for Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October 2020. We will be going to The Hollowford Centre in Hope Valley, which is set on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Castleton, Derbyshire in the heart of the Peak District National Park. This will be our fourth visit to this centre, so we are able to assure you that it is an excellent centre which offers us a fantastic and enriching week, which the children (and staff!) have thoroughly enjoyed on previous visits. The residential will allow the children plenty of opportunities to explore the outdoors and take part in activities they would not normally get the opportunity to do.

The activities we will be doing will include:

- Raft building (on a lagoon)
- Zip wire (30 metres)
- Abseiling
- Rock climbing
- Weaselling (rock scrambling)
- Bushcraft (which includes shelter building and fire building)
- Archery
- Low ropes course
- High ropes course
- Challenge course
- A hill walk to Mam Tor
- A visit to Treak Cliff Cavern
- Night orienteering
- Camp fire
- Games night

Fortunately there will be no need for you to have to provide your child with specialist equipment such as wellies, walking boots and waterproofs, as these are all provided and included in the cost of the trip, along with the coach, all planned activities and the accommodation and meals. The centre provides a catering service of healthy, home cooked meals for all diets. Children are given a choice of three different meals each evening and are served a full (cooked) English breakfast every day, along with a hearty lunch. They will also be provided with an evening 'bedtime' drink. The only meal you will need to provide is a packed lunch for the day of arrival. Children have access to drinks throughout the day and can help themselves as and when they need to.



During their activities the children will be in groups of a maximum of 10 with a highly trained, experienced and appropriately qualified instructor, so that they get plenty of 'goes' on their activity. Each activity group will also have an adult from school with them, so there is always a familiar face with the children. This will include the class teachers (who teach these year groups) and other adults that are very familiar to the children.

There is also a small tuck shop and gift shop where the children will also be able to buy some snacks or souvenirs with their spending money. Children will be in a room with a maximum size of 8 per room, with the majority being 4/6 per room. All bedding is provided, although they will need to bring their own towel and toiletries.

The cost of the trip is £372.98 per child. This includes the coach travel, all meals, accommodation, equipment, instructors/staffing, activities and the experience of a lifetime! We will need a deposit of £75 by Friday 27th September 2019 and then another £75 by Friday 15th November 2019. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, the school will contribute £150 towards the total cost of the residential. The rest of the cost of the trip will be due in the following instalments:

- £50 by Thursday 13th February 2020
- £50 by Friday 3rd April 2020
- £50 by Friday 22nd May 2020
- £72.98 by Friday 10th July 2020

Obviously if you would prefer to pay in full, or would rather make your own smaller, but more regular payment arrangements, then please speak to the school office. Should you have any concerns over the cost of the trip, please do not hesitate to speak Mr Ormiston.

The experience of a residential will enrich children's experience of learning; improve self-confidence and team building skills; build their trust and respect and add to their general personal development. It will be a fun and an unforgettable experience for all involved and will provide the children with many special memories!

Please see the website www.hollowford.org for further information or details about the trip.

We will be holding a parents information evening on Monday 16th September 2019 at 3:45 pm in Ospreys classroom to give further information and to help answer any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you then! To secure your child's place on the trip, please return the slip below by Friday 29th September, with a deposit of £75.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Kind regards, Miss Warburton, Mrs Dhillon and Miss Marriott (Y5/6 teachers).

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Name of child:.....

Class.....

I would like to book a place for my child on the residential trip on Monday 19th October 2020 – Friday 23rd October 2020.

I would not like my child to attend the residential trip on Monday 19th October 2020 – Friday 23rd October 2020.

Signed..... (parent/carer)

Date.....