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Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Residential Visit

The proposed Residential Visit next year is again to Borwick Hall Outdoor Education Centre, in Carnforth. However, after consultation with other schools and our own Governing Body, it has been decided that to maximise the impact for our pupils we will be making this trip a Year 6 only trip.

For the present Year 6, the trip will go ahead as usual in June 2019. (Monday June 24th – Friday June 28th 2019).

For the present Year 5, the trip will now take place when they enter Year 6 but move from a June date to the beginning of the school year to enable the children to benefit from the team building and shared experiences as they move through Year 6 and onward to High School. **Therefore, the dates for the present Year 5 trip will be Monday 30th September- Friday 4th October 2019.**

Thereafter it will remain an Autumn date each year for Year 6.

The cost for the June 2019 trip will be £369. This is only a very small increase on last year cost due to slight increases both from Borwick Hall and the coach firm.

The cost for the September/October 2019 will be £322. An additional benefit of an Autumn date is a reduced cost due to being out of the main holiday season and Borwick Hall charging less each night.

The price for both trips includes meals, accommodation, activities, personal accident insurance and transport. **Cancellation insurance is not included.** Payments made are not refundable and therefore you may want to arrange additional cover in case of illness or other unforeseen circumstances.



ParentPay for both trips will be available from Monday 15th October 2018.

A deposit of £40 will confirm a place.

This must be paid please by **Monday 12th November 2018 for the June 2019 trip with full payment made by the beginning of May 2019.**

The deposit must be paid please by **Monday 10th December 2018 for the September/October 2019 trip with full payment made by the beginning July 2019.**

The Borwick Hall staff are fully qualified to lead children in all the activities offered. The safety of the children will be paramount at all times, as you would expect from a centre run by Lancashire County Council.

The range of activities offered includes: canoeing, climbing, orienteering and a variety of problem solving initiative tests. We are unable to provide these activities in school, so the week is an ideal opportunity to become involved in a range of new experiences. It is also a good opportunity for the children to develop their level of independence, as well as their personal and social skills.

Subsidised places are available for families with children entitled to free school meals. I am at present unable to let you know costs for these children but I will endeavour to finalise these and send exact details as soon as possible. If your child falls into this category and you wish them to go if possible, please send the reply slip back to express your interest. **Failure to express your interest for either trip by Monday 12th November 2018 could affect availability of a subsidised place.**

As you will probably have heard, the June visit was a great success. I am sure next year's visit will be equally enjoyable and instructive. I am certainly looking forward to it and hope that all of Year 6 will be able to join us. The children often consider it to be the best week of primary school.

In accordance with risk assessment guidelines, we have included two points on the reply slip which need to be signed as confirmation of your agreement and acknowledgement. Please note, the children are at no greater risk, it is just increased paperwork.

If you would like to come into school to talk to me about your decision to send your child, don't hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss any queries you might have. There will be a meeting nearer the time where parents and children can find out more about the itinerary and what is needed for the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Stones (Mrs)
Visit Organiser

I/we would like my/our current Year 6 child to attend the Residential Visit to Borwick Hall from

Monday June 24th – Friday June 28th 2019

My child is eligible for free school meals Yes/No

Name of Child _____ Class _____

1. I/we consider my/our child capable of undertaking all aspects of the activity week.
2. I/we understand that if my child misbehaves causing concern for his/her safety or the safety of others they may be sent home early, with no refund of cost.

Signed _____ Date _____

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I/we would like my/our current Year 5 child to attend the Residential Visit to Borwick Hall from

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