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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 5 Trip to Outward Bound at Ullswater, Lake District - 11th –15th November 2019

We were pleased with the positive response at our Outward Bound meeting on Monday, and hope that the information provided was helpful. For those who were not able to attend, we have listed the main points overleaf.

The Outward Bound Trust was established in 1941 and is the original provider of outdoor education, with an unrivalled safety record. Their mission is to unlock the potential in young people through discovery and adventure in the wild. We are particularly keen that our Year 5 pupils are given the opportunity to access safe adventure in this way.

The cost of this residential visit will be approx. £275 per pupil, which is fully inclusive of food, accommodation, bed linen, equipment, travel and insurance. We will confirm the actual cost once deposits have been received and the final total of participating children is known. Unfortunately, if there are not enough contributions the trip may not be able to go ahead.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting visit, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £100 via our online payment system by Friday 1st March 2019, or sooner if you wish to secure your child's place. We will be staying at the Howtown Centre, which will take groups of 12 children, up to a maximum of 72. The places will therefore be available on a 'first come, first served' basis and will be capped at 60 until we have a further full group of 12 children.

Further payments will be required as follows: **2nd instalment £100 on 1st May 2019** and the **final £75 on the 1st July 2019**. You may wish to make monthly payments to spread the cost over the next 6 months.

In September, you will be asked to complete a full Consent Form with medical and dietary details etc. (Our Annual Consent form won't cover this trip as it is a residential visit with adventurous activities).

If you would like any further information, you can visit The Outward Bound Trust's excellent website on www.outwardbound.org.uk to learn more about their work and to download useful information about the centre and the course. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at school and we'll be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. N. Harris
Deputy Headteacher / Visit Leader

Outward Bound Trip Information

There are a wide range of activities:

canoeing, rafting, abseiling, rock climbing, tunnelling, nightline,
hill walking, shelter building, team building games and many more.

All equipment is provided by the centre:

waterproof clothing, walking boots, wellies, head torches, wet suits,
safety harnesses, helmets and life jackets etc.

Children are in activity groups of 12, with one member of staff from Walmley Juniors and one or two fully qualified Outward Bound instructors (depending upon the activity). Groups are chosen by our staff, taking children's preferences in to account.

Dormitories are clean and modern with en-suite facilities, and sleep 4-6 children. We ensure that children have at least one friend with them in their dorm.

The meals are of a high standard, with a good choice available and there is plenty of it! Special diets (e.g. vegetarians) and allergies are well catered for. Meals include a full cooked breakfast, a packed lunch, dinner (with dessert) and a variety of drinks.

Travel to the Lake District is by an approved coach company. We leave school on Monday 11th November at approx 9.15 a.m. and we aim to return by 5.15 p.m. on Friday 15th November.

Apart from the trip cost of around £275, the only extra payment is a £10 refundable deposit, which the children will need in cash in a named envelope. This is to cover any loss or damage of equipment (which sometimes happens) but if it is not needed, it is returned to you upon our return.

We hope your child can take part in this excellent residential experience! They will have a lot of fun and will remember it for the rest of their lives.



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