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Dear Y4 Parents/Carers

Re: Outward Bound Residential Visit – 1st - 5th November 2021

For many years we have been running an effective and challenging programme of outdoor and residential experiences, including Woodlands in Year 3 and Whitemoor Lakes in Year 4. Unfortunately, due to Covid, these experiences have not been able to take place in the way they usually would. However, following the lifting of restrictions on 17th May, we are now pleased to be able to launch our Year 5 residential trip.

When your child is in Year 5, they will have the opportunity to take part in a five-day visit to the Outward Bound Centre at Howtown, near Ullswater, in the heart of the Lake District. The children really love the physical and mental challenges they are presented with, and tell us that they will always remember their time there because it is so much fun! With so many missed experiences over the past 12 months, we feel it is more important than ever for our children to have this opportunity and we hope you'll agree!

The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity that uses the outdoors to provide life-changing educational courses and unique experiences for young people. As a school, we are very keen that children experience this kind of learning outside the classroom. We recognize and support the amazing development that can result from taking pupils into a different environment and encouraging them to work better as a team, to build their confidence and take more personal responsibility. We often see a real difference in their attitude and maturity upon their return to school.

Today, we held a meeting with all children in Year 4 to launch the trip. In order to provide you with more information, including cost and payment dates, we have made the trip presentation available in the Curriculum section of the school website. <http://walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk/enrichment-residential-trips/> You can also find out more about the centre we visit at the following website: <https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/howtown>

To secure a place on this trip (max 72 places), please pay the deposit on Scopay as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email the school at enquiry@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk and mark your email for the attention of Mrs Harris.

Yours sincerely

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