



Headteacher: Mr. S. Pearson



25th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Outward Bound Trip: 11th-15th November 2019

We hope that your child is looking forward to this exciting trip!

Today we are sending out a Pre-Course Information leaflet which includes;

- Enrolment, Medical information and Consent sections, which must be completed for all participants
- Participant questionnaire – optional but recommended

We please request that you return your completed and signed leaflet to school by Wednesday 2nd October.

We would also like to invite you to a final meeting on **Monday 4th November at 6.00pm**. We will give you all the final details and answer any questions you may have.

On the reverse of this letter, please find a copy of the Kit List recommended by the Outward Bound team at Ullswater. All specialist and safety equipment will be provided by the Centre (e.g. helmets, wellies, walking boots). Please note that no spending money will be needed at all.

However, children will need **£10 in cash in a named envelope** for their equipment deposit. If no items are lost by your child's group, then this will be refunded to you. We would be grateful if you could bring this with you to our final meeting on **Monday 4th November**.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. N. Harris
Deputy Headteacher and Visit Leader

KIT LIST



We will provide each participant with all specialist activity and safety equipment (a refundable £10 deposit is required on arrival). However, participants are welcome to bring their own kit and use it, providing it meets our safety standards. Participants will need to bring personal clothing and footwear.

CLOTHING

(Please note this is only an idea of what is required, do not buy things specifically)

- Casual t-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Thermal tops
- Jumpers
- Fleece tops
- Thick and thin walking socks
- Synthetic trousers for walking (not jeans)
- Jeans (for around the centre only)
- 2 pairs of trainers (one which can get wet)
- Underwear
- Pyjamas
- Shorts
- Hat and gloves
- Towels and swimwear
- Prescribed medication (where necessary)

All courses will involve getting wet at some point, so please make sure your child has plenty of spare, dry clothes to change into.

Extras

- * Water bottle
- * Lip balm
- * Warm coat

USEFUL ITEMS

Notebook and pen, sun-glasses, sun-cream, blister kit, camera, insect repellent, books and magazines.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Our advice is to leave valuable watches, jewellery, iPods and stereos behind.

SAFETY

The safety of our course participants is of paramount importance to us at The Outward Bound Trust. We have been welcoming young people to our centres and accompanying them on adventurous journeys in the wild for over 60 years. As a result, we have accumulated considerable experience in managing all aspects of safety and enjoy an enviable record in this area. We comply fully with all relevant legislation and all of our centres are licensed under the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996. Detailed risk assessments are available on request.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM OUR CENTRES

For school groups, travel is arranged through the group leader.

For individuals, we offer all participants a free pick-up service from the train station nearest the centres. Included in your course package is a free coach transfer service is available from Birmingham International Train Station to our centre in Aberdovey and from Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to our centre at Loch Eil.

Please call **01931 740000** for full details or visit our website **outwardbound.org.uk**. You will also find directions to our centres plus other travel information.

CONTACTING COURSE PARTICIPANTS

If you wish to contact a participant during their course, our advice is that you do this by mail and not by telephone (unless in an emergency), as centre life is extremely busy and they will more than likely be engaged in activities. When sending a letter, please be sure to mark the envelope with their name and name of school, or course (for individuals).

+ A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WENT ON A REAL JOURNEY AND WE'VE SEEN A MIRACULOUS CHANGE IN THEM. YOUR INSTRUCTORS ARE AN ASSET TO YOUR ORGANISATION AND BUILT A REAL RAPPORT WITH THE GROUP. THE ACTIVITIES PUSHED OUR STUDENTS TO THE LIMIT AND THEY ALL WENT HOME BUZZING. +

**JO DUNN, GROUP LEADER,
HIGHTOWN YOUTH CENTRE**

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