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Dear Parents

We are pleased to inform you we are organising a residential visit for five days and four nights for children in Years 5 and 6 to The Howtown Outward Bound Activity Centre in the Lake District. This is different to last year and gives the children the chance to have a new experience, although it is linked to the Ullswater centre that we have visited for a number of years. Further information can be found at - <https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/centres/ullswater/> The previous visits have been a huge success with the children learning so much and having a fantastic time. Next year we will leave on **Monday 8th February and we will return to school on Friday 12th February.**

We have already been successful in a bid for additional funding which will be used to subsidise the visit for all children. The total cost of the visit will be £240**.** The cost without the additional funding would have been £485. This covers all the activities equipment, specialist clothing and transport which school have also contributed to in order to keep the cost down. This represents extremely good value for money when compared to other, similar visits to other organisations across the country.

Throughout the week all the activities, both during the day and in the evening, will be led by fully qualified, experienced instructors from the centre with staff from our school supporting and joining in! All activities have been fully risk assessed. The kind of activities undertaken are gorge walking, raft building, canoeing, mountain climbing, night hikes, high rope courses, abseiling and numerous team building tasks. The Ullswater tab on the home page of the school website will take you to photographs of this year’s residential if you want to see examples of the kind of activities that they will do.

The school staff who have accompanied the children on the Outward Bound Trust residentials have always been extremely impressed with the instructors, the centre’s organisation, the health and safety, the quality of the food and the accommodation.

Places at Howtown are limited due to its popularity with other school parties, so there are only 36 places available to our school. Therefore we will be allocating them on a first come first served basis.

If you wish your child to take advantage of this exciting opportunity then a non-refundable\* **deposit of £40** is required as soon as possible to be paid Parent Pay, the reply slip must be returned to the office **no later than Tuesday 31st March**. Clearly, if we do not reach the numbers we anticipate, deposits will be fully refunded.

**The remainder of the payments will then be:**

**2nd Payment of £40 by 5th June 2020**

**3rd Payment of £40 by 10th July 2020**

**4th Payment of £40 by 18th September 2020**

**5th Payment of £40 by 23rd October 2020**

**Last Payment of £30 by 4th December 2020**

The payment item will be live on Parent Pay from **Tuesday 17th March**. Therefore you must ensure that your account is activated by this date to allow you to make the deposit payment. If we have identified that your child's account has not yet been activated, we have sent you a separate letter containing a reminder of your Parent Pay login. If you have already activated your account but cannot remember your password, please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com/) and click on the 'Forgotten login details?' link to reset this.

If you have any problems in accessing your account, please contact the school office for further assistance.

We do need to remind you that we will not take children out of school if their behaviour and attitude in school is unacceptable. This is to ensure the safety of all participants. Clearly if this became an issue we would discuss it with you.

We hope very much you will be able to support this residential visit. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Wheelwright

\* No monies paid will be refundable unless the place can be reallocated to another child.

**Athersley South Year 5 / 6 Residential to Howtown, Lake District**

**8th – 12th February 2021**

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go on the above residential.

I have paid the £40 deposit on Parent Pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the remaining payments must be made by the stated dates.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parent / guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please take your slip to the School Office. Thank you.