



## Athersley South Primary School

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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 a centre that we have visited before and gives the children the chance to have lots of a new experiences, 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 6<sup>th</sup> February and we will return to school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.**

We have already been successful in a bid for additional funding which will be used to subsidise the visit for all children. The school has also decided to contribute towards the overall cost of the visit, thus we are able to maintain total cost of the visit at £250. The cost without the additional funding would have been £518. 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. We have secured 24 places at the centre for the coming year.

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 last 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 24 places available to our school. Therefore we will be allocating them on a first come first served basis on receipt of the deposit paid via Parent Pay.

If you wish your child to take advantage of this exciting opportunity then a non-refundable\* **deposit of £50** is required as soon as possible to be paid via Parent Pay, this will secure your child's place and then the reply slip must be returned to the office, **this should all be completed no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Payment of £40 by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Payment of £40 by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**4<sup>th</sup> Payment of £40 by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**5<sup>th</sup> Payment of £40 by 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Last Payment of £40 by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**The payment item will be live on Parent Pay from 9.30am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.** Therefore you must ensure that your account is activated by this date to allow you to make the deposit payment. 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.

There will be a payment item on Parent Pay for the 24 secured places – please ensure that you select the correct payment item via Parent Pay. **The place can only be secured by paying the deposit via Parent Pay, please refrain from returning the slip below until your deposit has been paid.**

**Once all places are filled we will be compiling a waiting list for those with an interest in going, as is always the case, some circumstances do change and there will be alterations to the final list of children attending the residential. Please declare your interest in a place on the waiting list by contacting the school office if you are unable to secure one of the 24 places initially.**

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 towards the trip will be refundable unless the place can be reallocated to another child.

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

**6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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

I have paid the £50 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 once you have paid your deposit via Parent Pay. Thank you.