



# ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Promoting excellence within a caring, Christian community

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13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer of children in Year 5

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WEARDALE ADVENTURE CENTRE 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**Pupils who are currently in Year 5 are invited to attend a residential for 2 nights on 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

This is a change from previous years where children from St. Andrew's have visited Robin Wood in Todmorden. This is due to the costs for this trip being in excess of £360 per pupil. Therefore, we have made the decision to not book Robinwood Activity Centre. This decision has not been made easily. I must assure you that I have made a visit to Weardale Adventure Centre and that I believe that this will provide our students with a great residential experience.

The children will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities, including paddle boarding, gorge walking, climbing and high ropes (a detailed programme of activities will be drawn up nearer the time). All activities will be undertaken in small activity groups led by experienced and qualified leaders employed by Weardale Adventure Centre, with staff from school accompanying and supervising the children at all times. More information can be found here: <https://weardaleadventurecentre.co.uk/>. Only pupils and staff from St. Andrew's will be in the centre when we visit. We will not be sharing the facilities with any other schools.

The activities will teach the children a great deal about team building, problem solving and (hopefully) enabling our students to have a go at activities which they might not have come across before.

There will be a meeting about the trip on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm** in the school hall which you are invited to attend. Parents/carers will be able to find out more and ask lots of questions. The manager of the centre will also be attending this meeting so that parents/carers can ask specific questions about the residential trip. Pupils may attend this meeting however they will have the same information shared during the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> November.

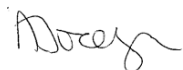
The cost of the trip this year will be **£200.00**. This cost has been subsidised from the school budget and includes accommodation, insurance, all meals from Wednesday lunch until Friday afternoon, coach transport from school to the centre and back, as well as all activities and specialist equipment used. For those families on free school meals there may be some financial assistance available. **If you think you may need financial assistance, please ask to speak to Mrs Jocelyn or the school office for details before the deposit payment is due.**

**If your child would like to take part please return the attached slip. A deposit of £20 is due by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to secure their place.** Payments must be sent via our SchoolMoney app. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable.

The remainder of the trip will need to be paid by instalments of £30 per month for 6 months. The final balance must be paid in full **no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to secure your child's place. If full payment is not received by this date your child's place will be cancelled. Kindly note that the deposit of £20 is non-refundable, however any further payments you have made will be returned to you.**

Payment Date	Amount
Deposit due by Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	£20
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	£30
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024	£30
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	£30
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	£30
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	£30
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	£30
<b>Total amount payable</b>	<b>£200</b>

Many thanks for your continued support.



**Mrs A Jocelyn**

Head of School

*Please return to the school office by 30th November 2023*

## **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WEARDALE ACTIVITY CENTRE 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**I give permission for my child to attend the residential trip to Weardale Activity Centre 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**I agree to pay a deposit of £20 no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and the remainder of the trip by instalments as set out below. I understand that the deposit is non – refundable.**

**Instalment 1 - £30.00 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Instalment 2 - £30.00 by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Instalment 3 - £30.00 by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Instalment 4 - £30.00 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Instalment 5 - £30.00 by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Instalment 6 - £30.00 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Child's name ..... Class.....

Parent/Carer signature ..... Date.....