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Dear Parent / Carer

Weardale Adventure Centre Update

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out information about the upcoming Year 6 residential trip to Weardale Adventure Centre.

A reminder that the trip will be on **Wednesday 11th September- Friday 13th September** (this is the second week back after the summer holidays).

Please can we ask that the personal information and consent forms are returned by this Friday 14th June if you haven't done so already. If there are any items on the kit list which your child does not own, please let us know and we will try to support where we can. (The list was sent out previously with the consent forms, has been sent via text today and is also on our website).

I would ask that parents and carers do not send their child with any new trainers (due to comfort and mud!) and that all items (including towels and underwear) are labelled with your child's name and that your child knows what has been packed for them. Please also ensure your child brings a small rucksack and a refillable water bottle for the trip. Swimwear will also be required.

We will allow children to bring a maximum spending money of **£4** to spend in the tuck shop. Please do not send any notes. Children will be responsible for looking after their own money during the trip. The tuck shop sells small gifts, sweets and drinks and is optional for children to use.

As stated throughout the information evening, please **do not send your child with any electronic devices** or sweets for their bedroom. Any food items bought at the tuck shop will be consumed downstairs as there will not be any food or drink in the dormitories. This is for safety reasons and to avoid unnecessary mess.

We will confirm the coach pick up and drop off times closer to the time.

Throughout the trip, we will endeavor to keep our school Facebook page up to date with photos of the trip. We will inform parents throughout the trip of any necessary updates. Should you need to contact your child in the case of an emergency, please contact the school office.

Our school Behaviour Policy applies whilst on the residential. Any children who misbehave and seen to be unsafe throughout the trip will be collected and sent home. Parents and carers will be immediately informed if this is the case. Whilst we will reiterate this message before and during the trip, please speak to your child about ensuring their behaviour is safe at all times whilst we are away.

There will not be an opportunity to stop and use the toilet on the way to Weardale Adventure Centre. We ask that parents and carers keep this in mind when giving their child breakfast and whilst we do not want our pupils to be dehydrated, we urge them not to drink excessively before we set off!



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As stated in the information evening, there will be two floors of dormitories. One floor will be for the girls and one for the boys. There will not be an opportunity for the boys and girls to mix once they have been sent to their dormitories on an evening. Staff bedrooms are on the same floors as the children. Pupils will be made aware of where these bedrooms are should they require support throughout the evening.

There are 8 members of staff attending the trip. Mrs Clarke (Assistant Head) will be leading the trip. She will be supported by Mrs Marsden (our SENDCo and also part of our Senior Leadership Team), Mrs Caygill (India teacher), Miss Haley (USA teacher), Mrs Taylor (USA Teaching Assistant), Mrs Smith (India Teaching Assistant), Mrs Helliwell (Learning Mentor) and Luke (Sports Coach).

The children will be split into groups of 12 for the daytime activities. These groups will be decided closer to the time. We will of course, ensure that all pupils have a good friend with them when deciding these groups. We will put the children's safety, behaviour, friendships and attitudes at the fore when deciding which group they will be in. There will be time at breakfast, lunchtime, dinner and all evening to be with the children who are not in their daytime activity group.

Please note that the final payment for the trip is due on Friday 14th June. As a school we need to make our final payment to the centre before we break up for the summer and therefore ask that parents and carers are fully supportive and meet the payment schedule agreed earlier this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer additional support to any families who did not initially request support when booking their child's place on the trip.

Should you require any additional information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Amanda Jocelyn