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Residential Visit to Low Bank Ground Outdoor Education Centre.

Dear Parents,

A residential visit to Low Bank Ground Outdoor Education Centre has been arranged for children in Years 5 and 6 from September for Monday 11th – Friday 15th March 2019.

Low Bank Ground is owned by Wigan Council and is managed by The Brathay Trust.

It is located at the side of Lake Coniston in the Lake District. The visit offers the children a wonderful opportunity to develop new skills and build on existing skills. These include water sports, orienteering, rock climbing, ghyll scrambling, mountain walks and a range of problem solving activities. It is an excellent opportunity for children to develop socially and emotionally, which then impacts their learning in the classroom. The visit will also offer the children the opportunity to take part in conservation work in the form of The John Muir Award.

The cost for the week this year is £195. This includes accommodation, all meals, tuition, specialist equipment, daytime and evening activities, and is excellent value for money.

We have been able to subsidise the cost of the visit this year using the Sports Grant which schools receive.

It is not always possible for anyone to guarantee 100% safety, but the leader and colleagues will retain overall pastoral responsibility, well established in law, that they have when teaching pupils in school. Teachers will do everything reasonably practical to ensure the safety of everyone in the group, and the leaders will use their skills and experience as adults and teachers to protect the health, safety and welfare of the pupils.

There are 33 places available on the visit so if you would like your child to attend, please pay a deposit of £40.00 on ParentPay. The balance will need to be cleared by the February half term.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Woods

Headteacher