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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 Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2023.

Low Bank Ground has been subject to a period of uncertainty recently, however Wigan Council, who own the Centre, have now taken on full control and management of the Centre again.

Low Bank Ground 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 is £300. This includes accommodation, all meals, tuition, specialist equipment, daytime, and evening activities. Like most things, there has been an increase in the cost of the residential this year. School is paying for the coach to keep costs down as much as possible. If your child is eligible for free school meals, we are able to subsidise the cost by £75.00 through pupil premium grants. This will be taken off the total price once you have paid your deposit meaning you will pay £225.00 altogether.

There are 30 places available on the visit, and it is open to all pupils in Years 5 and 6. If you would like your child to participate in the residential visit, please book their place on Plus Pay. We will require a £30 non-refundable deposit to secure the place, which must be paid by 4th November. Booking will open on Monday 31st October at 8am. The balance can be paid either in full, or by following the instalments plan on Plus Pay. Payment must be made, in full, by 15th May 2023. If any payment is outstanding by this deadline, your child's place will be cancelled and offered to a child on the waiting list.

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.

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

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Woods

Headteacher

