



**St Joseph's R.C. Primary School**  
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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Residential trip for Year 6 - 9<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

We are excited to confirm, that as long as the Government Roadmap continues in the right direction, our Year 6 children will be going on their residential trip to the Robinwood Activity Centre, Barhaugh Hall, Alston, from 9<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

#### Robinwood, Alston



- Located in Barhaugh Hall, Cumbria.
- Set in 9 acres of land with wonderful wildlife all around.
- Outdoor and indoor activities space offering amazing activities – an example timetable is attached!

Pupils visiting Robinwood will have an amazing time. They will have the opportunity to develop resilience, take risks with a controlled environment, try things that they have never experienced before and make life long memories with their friends before transitioning to secondary school. We are sure that all children attending the visit this year will truly have a fantastic time!

#### Skills developed at Robinwood

Throughout their time at Robinwood, children:

- challenge themselves to overcome fears
- improve their listening skills
- take on leadership roles
- become more confident speaking out in a group
- support others in challenging situations
- become great team members and help their group work more as a team
- work successfully with children they would not normally work with
- become more aware of the needs of others
- improve their problem solving skills
- develop new skills



## COVID-19

I know many parents may have reservations around the trip due to COVID 19. However, I would like to reassure you that Robinwood have taken many steps to make their centres as safe as possible and to reduce the risk. They have made changes to the overall operation of the Centre to ensure the safety of all children and staff, whilst ensuring that the experience is equally as fun and exciting. These changes include things such as, allocating separate areas for schools and activity groups to use, introducing one-way systems where appropriate, the highest standards of cleanliness and sanitising throughout, increased number of well-ventilated dormitories and allocated group leaders who will stay with their group throughout their visit and will organise all of the activity sessions.

We will provide additional information soon for parents to share with their children, which will give more of an insight into the Covid secure procedures in place at Robinwood, and the activities and fun on offer throughout the visit.

Further information regarding clothing/items to take on the trip and forms for any medication, will follow shortly.

I'm sure our children will have a wonderful time and it will be amazing for them to end their primary school experience by making happy memories with their friends, after a very difficult year.

### ParentPay

Please continue to make payments via ParentPay, for full payment to be made by the end of May, if possible. Payments can be extended for the final payment to be made by the end of June if necessary. If you have any problems with this, and would still like your child to go, please ring the office for a chat.

### Consent

I have attached the a EV4 consent form to this letter, please complete and return this to Mrs Johnston by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Ashton  
Headteacher

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I \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name

Confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ child's Name  
Will be attending the residential and the outstanding balance will be paid prior to end of June 2021.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENTAL CONSENT / MEDICAL FORM – for a specific visit / trip**

School/Group	ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLACKHALL		
Visit to / Venue	BARHAUGH HALL, ALSTON, CUMBRIA – 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY TO 11 <sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021		
Activities	Examples: Canoeing, archery, giant swing, zip wire, raft building, climbing, team challenge, nightline		
Pupils Name		Date of birth	

Date of Departure		Time	
Date of Return		Time	

**1. General consent and indemnity (please tick)**

I have received and read information the school/DCC has provided for me outlining the type of visit and I understand the purpose and nature of the activities. I understand that during the visit the group will be under the supervision of a suitably qualified and experienced member of staff.	YES		NO	
I hereby undertake to indemnify the school/service, Durham County Council and the staff accompanying the group against any costs and expenses reasonably incurred by them on behalf of my child during the visit (for example, the cost of replacement food or clothing not supplied for a trip/visit). This indemnity will not extend to any claims, damages, costs or expenses against the risk of which Durham County Council or member of staff are entitled to be indemnified under any policy of insurance.	YES		NO	

**2. Medical Information about your child (please tick)**

I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.	YES		NO	
I will inform the group leader as soon as possible of any changes in the medical or other circumstances between now and the date of the visit.	YES		NO	

Please list any medical conditions or prescribed medication you want the group leader to be aware of.  
(In special circumstances, you may wish to talk to the group leader prior to departure).

**List all medical needs -**

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**3. Signature of parent / guardian.**

**I am therefore willing to allow my child to take part in the proposed visit(s) activities.**

Name (capitals)		Relationship to young person	
Signature		Date	

Emergency contact number –

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