



Dore Primary School

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Castleton Residential Trip-12th-16th March 2018

17th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the very successful Y5 outdoor adventure residentials to Castleton over the past 8 years, we have again provisionally booked the Hollowford Centre for all Y4/5 classes to attend a 2.5 day programme. At this stage the preliminary plan is for Y4/5H, Y4/5D and half of Y4/5W to attend from Monday 12th March (leaving school at 8.00am) to Wednesday lunch time on 14th March (arriving back at school 2.45pm) and for Y4/5G, Y4/5SD and the other half of Y4/5W to attend the second half of the week leaving school at 11.45am on 14th March and arriving back at school on Friday 16th March at approximately 5.30pm. All travel to and from the centre will be by coach. Final timings will be advised subject to the agreed programme.

We are most impressed with the provision, facilities, activities and position of this purpose-built outdoor adventure centre and comments from both children and parents have been very enthusiastic and positive about the whole experience which supports our school-based topic work. With this in mind, it was felt the whole year group should continue to benefit from this excellent residential opportunity and we are able to accommodate all children within the same week. In the case of Y4/5W please be reassured that every effort will be made to ensure groupings take into account friendships whilst maintaining the balance we need, to promote and encourage new relationships and team building.

The cost is £180 per pupil which is payable using ParentPay. A non-refundable deposit of £50.00 will be required by 27th October with two further payments of £65 each due on the 1st December 2017 and 19th January 2018. Cost includes accommodation and food (£68.20) – except packed lunch on day 1, activities led by expert mountain leader qualified Hollowford staff (£99.50), transport (£11.80) and a 50p/child parent pay transaction.

The full cost of residential trips will be requested by the school for such activities. Families in receipt of free school meals can request a reduction in the price (currently this means FSM children are likely to pay 20% of the full cost). Dore Primary will follow the relevant legislation as contained in the Education Reform Act 1988: Section 106 – 111, 117, and 118. The guidance is contained in the DCSF circular 2/89: Charges for School Activities). If you are currently in receipt of any benefits and you wish to discuss the cost of the trip then please contact Mr Fletcher at school.

You may wish to check out the website at <http://www.hollowford.org/>. There are also photographs from previous Castleton trips on the school website.

We will need a minimum number of 140 participants if the residential is to go ahead. A higher uptake may result in the price quoted reducing slightly and if this is the case a reimbursement will





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be made. **Receipt of your deposit will indicate consent for your child to go on the residential, without which, it will be assumed that your child is unable to go and a place will not be reserved for them.**

Thank you

Lynnette Glossop The Y4/5 team.
Headteacher

