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Year 5 and 6 Peat Rigg Visit

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has the opportunity to attend a residential visit to Peat Rigg Outdoor Training Centre from **Wednesday 12th February to Friday 14th February 2020.**

More than just a fun 'school trip away', residential trips for schools are a key part of the national curriculum. The diverse and high quality school trips on offer mean teachers can create experiences that enhance pupils' classroom learning, adding opportunities pupils may not otherwise have, particularly in the case of urban schools where children have limited access to natural outdoor environments in their day to day learning.

The pressure on children to achieve higher results in more comprehensive subjects grows year on year, and parents are often the first to admit today's curriculum demands much more than it did when they were at school. With so much to cover and the pressure to achieve, the classroom can be an intense and claustrophobic place. So Residential trips for schools are not just beneficial but vital to providing balance and a renewed enthusiasm for learning. There is no better reward for a teacher than a pupil's beaming face glowing with pride having built their own fire, or seeing pupils previously struggling to be in the same room huddled closely together working on building their own shelter.

The full cost per child is **£150**. This cost includes coach fare, insurance, food and accommodation. To reserve a place for your child please complete the slip below, and together with a **£50 non-refundable deposit** return it to Mrs Peare by **Monday 30th September 2019**. Places are limited and will be given on a **first come, first served** basis. The remainder of the cost will be spread by paying two set monthly instalments of £50 with the final amount due by Monday 16th December 2019.

Please note, that in the interest of safety the offer of a place may be withdrawn if your child's behaviour becomes a cause for concern.

A meeting will be held for all parents to discuss the visit in more detail at a date closer to the visit.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspect of the visit please feel free to come and see me to discuss them.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Peare

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