

10 May 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Ref: Year 8 Trip – Lake District (15, 16 and 21 June)**

The Year 8 pupils who are studying Geography and Computing topics in tourism are invited to attend a full day visit to Bowness in the Lake District. We will be studying the infrastructure and services of tourism within a 'honeypot' site. We will also look at urban environment and impact questionnaires where pupils speak to members of the public. The trip also includes a one-hour boat tour of Lake Windermere.

We will travel by school minibus. The trip will be completed within the normal school day and we will return in time for the school buses. Pupils must wear clothing suitable for a countryside day out. A decent pair of trainers/shoes and a **proper waterproof** is a minimum requirement. Pupils have to have appropriate clothing as the Lakes' weather is a little unreliable. Pupils should take travel sickness tablets if required.

Pupils will work in groups and must stay in 'buddy groups' whilst working in Ambleside and in the pedestrianised zones at lunchtime. Pupils should bring a small ruck-sac containing a packed lunch and a couple of drinks. Pupils entitled to a free school meal should order from the takeaway menu on VeriCool as normal and collect from the main dining room prior to departure. Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase refreshments if they wish and therefore may bring a small amount of cash. They will have a short time to eat light refreshments although they will be eating lunch on the boat trip. Pupils must ensure that they remain hydrated throughout the trip and use sunblock regularly. Bottled water is also supplemented for the pupils as is an ice lolly - being outside all day is both energy sapping and thirsty work!

The trips are planned for Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Tuesday 21 June 2022. Pupils will go on the date according to their teaching groups. The cost of the trip is £10. The price includes the boat tour, return transport, ice lolly, bottled water, insurance and printing. I must take this opportunity to remind everyone that acceptance is subject to your child's behaviour, attendance and attitude to learning.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please return the attached reply slip and make payment through your online SCOPay\* account as soon as possible. The closing date for returns is Friday, 3 June. **The reply slips for all pupils must be given to Mr Watters in HU4.**

Pupils should also bring their phones so that they can take photographic evidence of different land uses, great photos of the views over the Lakes as well as the different types of businesses and attractions related to tourism. **I am asked to remind you that phones cannot be used for any social media or for contacting other pupils or other adults.** The supervising staff will have their contact numbers under GDPR protected lists and pupils will be given an emergency contact number for use on the trip.

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As you are aware we have the highest standards of behaviour for conduct, respect to other pupils and members of the public. We are proud of the relationships we have built after numerous years of working alongside the staff of the Lakeside Cruise Company. It is essential that all pupils realise that they will be working hard whilst on the trip as well as having an enjoyable time. Pupils must use pedestrian walkways and may only cross any roads whilst supervised by staff. Pupils must always wear seatbelts and ensure that they embark and disembark from the minibus whilst supervised.

Pupils will be given a clipboard containing a detailed work pamphlet however they will need to have their own pencil and pen. Although we do not ask for uniform, pupils must not wear football tops or have clothing which is unsuitable to meet and speak to members of the public. The Lakes have very unpredictable weather, we would swap days for the visit if there was very poor weather or an emergency. Once a pupil is allocated a date, they cannot swap dates or allocated minibuses. That may sound somewhat strict however we do create lists for risk assessments some weeks in advance.

We would like to be able to take photographs of pupils working and of course enjoying the Lakes. Many of these types of photos are used the school's newsletter, website and social media as well as shown to pupils as part of their Year 11 leaver's celebrations, when the time comes. Please check the permissions you have given for photos and add any consent updates to the reply slip. Please note that we need up to date emergency contacts and medical information. Pupils are expected to self-medicate as they would in school. If there is a need for staff to hold medication for your son/daughter, please ensure that it is handed into Mr Watters in advance of leaving.

On departure, we will meet the pupils in the Humanities area at 8.30am and will be leaving no later than 8.45am. Please ensure that your son/daughter arrives to school by 8.30am (with comfortable shoes, waterproof, packed lunch, drinks as well as sun block and required medication). Unfortunately, late pupils will miss the trip and due to full trips, we cannot provide a place on a different date. We expect to return in time for school buses, however, should there be an issue with travel pupils/staff will contact you to inform you of the expected time of arrival back at school.

There is one last point, we are going in a time when Covid still exists so if your child is poorly and can test please contact me by email [a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk) so we are aware of your child's absence in advance. Likewise, if you have any questions, please do email me. We will have a great time.

There are a large number of pupils taking Geography next year and further trips and fieldwork are planned for Year 9. It is our aim to ensure that pupils can use local as well as regional sites for educational outdoor learning.

Yours sincerely



**Mr A Watters**  
**Lead Teacher of Geography**

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**REPLY SLIP - YEAR 8 LAKE DISTRICT TRIP (15/16/21 June 2022 (Return to Mr Watters HU4)**

Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Teaching Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend one of the Lake District trips in June and have made an online payment via SCOPay\* of £10.00 towards the cost of this.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is entitled to a Free School Meal. They will order this via the take-away menu on VeriCool and will need to collect it from the dining room prior to departure. **YES / NO**

I confirm that I will provide school, prior to the visit, with any updated medical information (including allergies) and emergency contact numbers.

Updates to emergency contact details and medical information can be noted below:

Medical Information

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Emergency contacts

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Permission for photographs as noted in the letter **YES / NO**

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\*All parents have access to SCOPay, the school's online payment facility. If you need a reminder of your login, please email Mrs Cookson, Finance Officer, at [j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk). Further information available at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/internet-payments](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/internet-payments)