

4 May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 8 Trip – Lake District (20 and 21 June)**

The Year 8 pupils who are studying Geography and ICT 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 minibuses. 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 waterproof jacket is a minimum requirement as the Lakes' weather is a little unreliable. Pupils must not wear football tops or have clothing which is unsuitable to meet and speak to members of the public. Pupils should take travel sickness tablets if required, along with any other medication.

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 free school meals should pre-order their lunch online as normal and collect before we depart. Pupils will have a short opportunity to purchase light refreshments although they will be eating on the boat trip. Pupils must ensure that they remain hydrated throughout the trip and use sunblock as appropriate. Being outside all day is both energy sapping and thirsty work and therefore bottled water will be supplemented for the pupils as well as an ice lolly!

The trips are planned for Tuesday, 20 June and Wednesday, 21 June 2023 however they may be postponed due to inclement weather or emergency. Pupils will go on the date according to their teaching groups. The cost of the trip is £10. The price includes the boat tour on Windermere itself, return transport, ice lolly, 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. Unfortunately, we can only take 80 pupils, 40 each day as a maximum.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the £10 payment via the school's online payment system, SCOPay\* and ask them to return the reply slip direct to me in HU4. Please note that the 80 places available will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, based on payment. **The closing date is 6 June**, however this will close earlier if places are filled.

Once selected for one of the two days, we will inform each pupil via their Geography teacher and lists on the notice board in Humanities. Allocated dates cannot be swapped. That may sound somewhat strict however we do create lists for risk assessments some weeks in advance.



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It is essential that all pupils realise that they will be working hard whilst on the trip as well as having an enjoyable day out. 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. Pupils must use pedestrian walkways and may only cross 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 to complete however they will need a pencil and pen for the trip.

Pupils should 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.** Staff will have pupils' contact numbers under GDPR protected lists and they will be given an emergency mobile number for use on the trip.

We would like to be able to take photographs of pupils working and enjoying the Lakes. These photos may be used on the school's social media, website and newsletter. Please check the permissions you have given for photos and add your consent to the reply slip. Prior to the trip, please inform the school of any recent updates to emergency contacts and medical conditions we may not already be aware of. 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 a spare is handed to me no later than 8 June.

We expect to return in time for school buses, however, should there be an issue with traffic etc, pupils/staff will contact you to inform you of the expected time of arrival back at school. We will be meeting 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 on the day of their trip. Unfortunately, late pupils will miss the trip and, due to full capacity, we cannot provide a place on the alternative date.

Further trips and fieldwork are planned for Year 9 as it is our aim to ensure that pupils can use local as well as regional sites for educational outdoor learning.

If you have any questions, please do email me at [a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk). We will have a great time!

Yours faithfully



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

\*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)

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**REPLY SLIP - YEAR 8 LAKE DISTRICT TRIP (20/21 JUNE)** (Please return to Mr Watters in Hu4)

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

Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend one of the Lake District Trips in June and have made the £10 payment online via SCOPay.

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

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

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

Emergency contact details and medical information must be noted below:

Medical Information \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts \_\_\_\_\_

Permission Photographs \_\_\_\_\_