



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Our school values: *Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*



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RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO HAWSE END

Dear Parent / Carer

As you may know, each year we arrange for our Year 6 children to attend a residential trip in order to fulfil the outdoor activities part of the National Curriculum. This gives the children the opportunity to develop their independence, teamwork and confidence which we feel has a great benefit to their lives, both at school and at home.

It is now time to start planning the next year's trip and once again we will be going to Hawse End, near Keswick.

We will be inviting all Year 6 parents and their children to a short meeting after school on Thursday 18 January. We will use the opportunity to explain the types of activities available at Hawse End and give a brief outline of what the children can expect, what they will need and the benefits of going. It will be short and informal, from about 3.40pm to 4.00pm.

The total cost of the trip, which covers full board accommodation and activities (including safety equipment and certificates) is £185 and we are asking for deposits of £50 to be paid no later than **Friday 9 February 2024** and for the remaining balance to be paid by **Friday 10 June 2024**. The school will subsidise the remaining costs including transport to and from the centre, as clearly there are major educational and social benefits for the children.

Those children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium will have their trips paid for through school. We are happy to receive payment in instalments will set up an online payment facility via SchoolCloud which will allow you to pay as and when you choose. Parents will be notified once this is live. If you have any concerns about payment, please speak to Mrs Smith. Places will only be booked for those who have paid the deposit by the deadline (or who have made financial arrangements with the school). We do stress, however, that this is a requirement of the curriculum and we do expect all children to attend.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Smith

Mrs L Smith
Headteacher