



Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 5 Adventure Residential – Dewerstone Cottage 25th - 26th September 2025

Feels like time for a catch-up! I last wrote to you on 30th January with details of the Year 5 residential visit this September. You may have been present at Mark Reeves' presentation too on 5th February, when the lead instructor from Young Spirit of Adventure told us about the activities on offer at the residential site and answered any questions parents and carers had about the trip.

I am now writing with an update around cost, kit list and other preparation we need to be putting in place over the coming weeks, with around 3 months still to go until we depart!

For those new parent additions to our team, a few basic details first: the residential will last for two days and the night in between. Whilst away, the children will be making camp, cooking their dinner over open fires and demonstrating teamwork and outdoor skills to solve problems successfully. The activities really are a chance to learn more about ourselves, face up to a challenge and find out what it takes to be a successful team player. All of the activities take place in a safe and secure manner that all children can engage with. If your child has concerns about any of the elements of the stay, certain parts can be avoided if they wish. All of the instructors employed by Young Spirit are fully qualified and understand our school ethos so they are aware of our children's different needs and offer encouragement accordingly.

In order to meet the costs of the trip, we are seeking from parents a contribution of **£95 plus the cost of coach travel for each child (£19.16) making a total of £114.16 to pay**. We can offer this fantastic value for money trip, thanks to a very understanding approach from Young Spirit - they have supported us again to keep the cost of residential visits as manageable as possible (especially when the cost of everything else is increasing enormously.) The amount may be paid in instalments starting from today should you wish - or as a lump sum – whichever is most convenient. **Sadly we are not able to take any children on the residential trips if full payment for the trip has not been received before we leave.**

With regard to the kit list detailing equipment your child will need to take with them, I will send this out in September. Rest assured there will be nothing on the list that you don't already have or that can't be borrowed from Young Spirit on the trip itself. I will write again with the kit list and an explanation on how to pack, in September.

We look forward to enjoying another memorable residential visit and are pleased to be able to rely on your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Hankin
Senior Leader