



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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

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TO PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 5 PUPILS

Dear Parent / Guardian

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 (academic) year's trip. This year we have decided to try somewhere new and will be going to Hawes End, near Keswick, between 30 September and 2 October – two nights in total.

We will be inviting all Year 5 parents and their children to a short meeting after school on Tuesday 21 January. We will use the opportunity to explain the types of activities available at Hawes 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 3.35pm to 4.00pm.

The total cost of the trip, which covers full board accommodation, activities (including safety equipment and certificates) is £150. **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.

We will be asking for deposits of £50 to be paid by 14 February and for the remaining balances to be paid before the end of this academic year in July. We are happy to receive payment in instalments. If you have any concerns about payment, please speak to Mrs Paisley. *Places will only be booked for those who have paid the deposit by the deadline (or who have made 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

Mrs J Paisley
Headteacher