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Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 7 Skiddaw House Trip – 26th – 27th September 2017

Last term at the new intake parents' evening, we told you of the Year 7 residential which is taking place in less than two weeks' time. Everyone in Year 7 is very excited about the prospect of two days out of school and a night away in the highest youth hostel in England!

Itinerary

Monday 25th September - Preparation

Students need to bring to school everything they need for the Tuesday for checking and packing.

1. A rucksack containing:
 2. Waterproof jacket
 3. Waterproof trousers
 4. Gloves
 5. Warm hat
 6. Fleece or jumper
 7. Sunscreen and sunhat if the forecast looks good
8. A change of clothes including:
 - a. Socks
 - b. Underwear
 - c. Long trousers or jeans
 - d. Top
 - e. Fleece or hoody
9. Pyjamas
10. Indoor shoes, slippers or thick socks
11. Wash kit with instructions for use [shower gel or shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste] **No spray deodorants as these set off the fire alarm.**
12. Swimming trunks or costume
13. Towel
14. Small torch if wanted
15. Sweets or snacks for the walk
16. Tuck shop money if wanted – not more than £5

It would be best if these items were in plastic bags in case it rains while we are walking up the track.

Tuesday 26th September – Conquer Skiddaw day

Make sure you have eaten a big breakfast.

Turn up to school wearing shirt, comfortable trousers, thick socks and walking boots or sturdy trainers. No uniform that day.

Bring with you to school:

1. Packed lunch
2. Drink bottle with squash or water of at least half a litre
3. Any medication needed.

There is no network coverage at Skiddaw House, so **pupils should not bring a mobile phone**. The hostel has a phone in case of emergency.

Boots are useful but not essential. Obviously we will be walking a fair distance off road, so we will need sturdy shoes or trainers with a good tread.

There are books and games in the hostel and **pupils should not take any electronic equipment with them, such as music players or game consoles**.

We will collect all the food from our canteen, take the minibuses to Peterhouse Farm and walk up to Skiddaw House. There we will leave all the food and kit for the night, and the tackle the climb of Skiddaw with just the essentials of waterproofs and lunch. After getting to the top, we will return to the hostel for dinner, games and bed.

Wednesday 27th September – Keswick day

After breakfast, we will walk down to Keswick for fun in Fitz Park and a trip to Keswick Spa.

We will return to Silloth for 3pm, ready to catch the school buses home for a good night's sleep!

Payment

We have managed to cut the cost to £25. This covers all transport, food for Tuesday night and Wednesday breakfast and packed lunch, accommodation and Keswick Spa entrance. If the payment is a difficulty, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can arrange something.

Emergency contact

During the day, please ring the school on 016973 31234

24 hour **emergency** number for the Youth Hostel [07747 174293](tel:07747174293)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

Yours sincerely



Bernard Green

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I would like my child _____ [name] to go on the above trip and enclose £25 payment.

Signed _____

