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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Update: Changes to the Schedule of Residential Visit at Ravenfield Primary Academy

As part of our commitment to providing enriching educational experiences while also considering the practical aspects of school planning, we wish to inform you of an important change regarding our scheduled residential visit for our pupils.

Traditionally, our school has organised residential visits for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, which have been cherished as valuable educational and social experiences. However, upon reviewing financial increases within everyday life and considering feedback from parents, we have noted the financial strain that consecutive residential visits in Year 5 and Year 6 can cause for our families.

To alleviate this concern and distribute the cost more evenly over the coming years, we have decided to reschedule the Year 5 residential trip to take place during Year 4, starting from the next academic year. This adjustment means that your child, currently in Year 3, will now experience their first residential visit in Year 4, rather than Year 5.

Here are the key benefits we aim to achieve with this change:

Financial Ease for Families: Spacing the residential trips over a longer period will help families manage the costs more effectively, reducing the financial burden during consecutive school years.

Enhanced Learning Opportunities: By introducing the residential trip earlier in the school journey, we believe it will enrich the curriculum in a timely manner and foster a stronger sense of community and independence among pupils earlier in their development.

We understand that changes to long-standing schedules may come as a surprise, and we want to assure you that this decision was made after thorough consideration of its impacts. To assist in planning, we will provide details about the costs, itinerary, and educational objectives of the residential trip during a Parent Meeting (date to be confirmed).

We are excited to share that our Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a residential visit to the Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, located in the picturesque Dobroyd Castle, in March 2025. This visit is a fantastic chance for our pupils to engage in a variety of educational and team-building activities, fostering personal growth and enhancing their learning experience outside the classroom. To prevent the current Year 4 pupils, moving into Year 5 in September, from missing out on the Robinwood residential, they too will be joining the current Year 3/new Year 4 pupils on this visit.

Visit Details:

Dates: March 2025 (specific dates to be confirmed)

Duration: 3 days, 2 nights

Location: Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, Dobroyd Castle

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The programme at Robinwood is designed to support key aspects of the curriculum, with activities that challenge the students physically and mentally, boost their confidence, and promote teamwork. The activities include, but are not limited to, archery, climbing, canoeing, and problem-solving tasks.

Cost and Inclusions: The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately £330 per pupil. This price covers all aspects of the trip including:

- Transportation to and from the venue by coach
- Full board accommodation
- All activities and equipment

We aim to provide the best value for these enriching experiences and are mindful of the financial commitment involved. The final price will be confirmed once we have the exact number of participants, which helps us negotiate the best possible terms. We understand the importance of budgeting for such activities, and we will keep you updated as soon as we finalise the details.

We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication and are here to discuss any concerns you might have regarding this change. Please feel free to reach out to us or join us at the upcoming parent meeting (held after half term), where we will discuss this in more detail.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we strive to make decisions that best meet the educational needs of our pupils and the practical needs of our families.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Jepson
Principal

