Red Hall Primary School
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Parents and Carers,

We have two exciting residential opportunities for your children, coming up in the Summer term!

We are using the same provider we have done for the last 3 years, as we are very pleased with the activities they offer and the impact they have on our children. Both residentials will be 2 nights and 3 days. This may not seem like a long time, but I assure you it is! (3)

The cost is £230 per child (this is an increase from last year, however it was to be expected, especially with the rise in costs of everything else!!) However, school will subsidise this by £100 per child, meaning you will pay £130 per child. We recognise this is a lot of money, therefore we wanted to give you as much notice as possible and also give you the opportunity to pay off an amount each week / month instead of having to find the total cost closer to the time. This will be a cost of nearly £3000 to the school, but we believe this is beneficial to so many of our children and families.

Payment plans will be set up on ParentMail from after half term. A non-refundable £20 deposit will be required to secure your child's place. This will need to be paid by 31.10.22, with the final balance being paid by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This gives you a weekly payment option of £3.60 (£110 divided by 31 weeks), or a monthly payment option of £15.80 (£110 divided by 7 months). With Christmas coming, this may be the perfect present – for you and your child! (3) If this is something you would like to do, please let me know and I will write a letter / create an

















invite for the child explaining that they are attending the residential and what to expect, that they can open on Christmas Day morning!

So, onto the main information you will need:

Activities included are: Canoeing, rafting, abseiling, rock climbing, archery, gorge walking, team building activities, night time walks, gully jumping (swimming in rivers and jumping off rocks into the water).

What to pack: clothes that you are happy to get dirty and muddy, waterproof coat, sleeping bag, pillow, 3 x pairs of trainers – some which will be used for swimming and night time walks.

## Residential 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – maximum of 28 children

- Initially only Year 6 children will be able to attend this residential (if there are places left, Year 5 children will be invited to attend. Year 5 parents will be informed by 11<sup>th</sup> November if places are available)
- Up until last year, we have always used the Kingswood centre at Hexham, however after our experience last year, we will not be attending here this year.
- We will leave school at 9am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July and return to school at 3pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## Residential 2 - 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - maximum of 24 children

- This will be our Year 3 and 4 residential (if there are places left, Year 5 children will be invited to attend. Year 5 parents will be informed by 11<sup>th</sup> November if places are available)
- We will leave school at 9am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and return to school at 3pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Parent meetings will be held closer to the time, where further information and forms will be given.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

Miss Snowdon 🕹

\*Please understand we have the right to remove a child from the residential without giving a refund, should your child be making consistent wrong choices at school. Staff attend this residential on a voluntary basis, working many hours outside of their working day contract and therefore will not be required to support children who make persistently wrong choices.