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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 Residential Trip to Whitemoor Lakes

I am writing to invite your child to take part in a residential trip at Whitemoor Lakes on **Monday**, **11 October** until **Wednesday**, **13 October 2021**. This residential trip has been organised to welcome Year 7 pupils back into their new school at the beginning of what will be a very important year for them.

Whitemoor Lakes is a residential centre located in the south of Staffordshire which provides the ideal backdrop for fun, adventure and comfort. The centre offers over 20 different indoor and outdoor activities which enables pupils to learn new skills, conquer fears and have plenty of fun. Activities include: kayaking, sailing, canoeing, climbing, zip wire and abseiling to name a few and are all designed to achieve targets outside the classroom and successfully develop new life skills, such as leadership, resilience and teamwork. More information about the centre and its facilities can be found here: https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/whitemoor-lakes/

This trip involves a two-night stay and therefore your child will be invited to take part in numerous physical activities and therefore, it is best for them to wear comfortable clothes suitable for outdoor wear which they don't mind getting dirty. Please note that lunch will be provided, courtesy of the school. The site shop will be open should pupils wish to purchase any snacks or drinks themselves.

Location: Barley Green Lane, Lichfield, WS13 8QT

Travelling by: Coach

Departing school at: 9:00am Arrival at location time: 9:30am

Departure from location time: 3:15pm

Arrival at school: 3:45pm

Please note these timings are estimates and even though we have catered for situations such as traffic, these cannot be exact due to any circumstances will may arise outside of our control. Should there be any significant delay to pupils return to school, a staff member will contact you however, we do not foresee this to be an issue. Once we have returned to school, pupils will be dismissed to make their own way home.

We would love for your child to take part and if you consent to their participation, then please complete the consent form https://forms.office.com/r/By36ba6NNF no later than **Friday, 17 September 2021.**





Pupils who are allocated a place on this trip will be invited with their parents/carers to a more detailed presentation on what the trip involves. It will be at this meeting where any individual needs or concerns will be addressed.

If you have any queries about the trip, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school reception on 0121 464 9901.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Crawford Head of Year 7