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Dear Parent

### **Year 5 Residential Trip to Castle Howard Woodland: Thursday 21-Friday 22 May 2020**

We are delighted to announce that we are extending our residential programme to incorporate a Year 5 two-day residential with The Bushcraft Company. This will be situated in a private woodland at Castle Howard, North Yorkshire. The timing of the proposed trip fits perfectly with 'Outdoor Learning Day' on Thursday 21 – Friday 22 May 2020. The itinerary of the trip is designed to give pupils a taste of outdoor learning activities such as bush craft, shelter-building, camping, wilderness cookery, first aid, navigation and survival scenarios. At the heart of the activities is the development of self-confidence within our pupils whilst having fun and learning some practical skills along the way. Throughout the Bushcraft experience, they will develop resilience and teamwork skills.

#### **Proposed Itinerary**

Pupils will depart from school at 9am on the Thursday and be driven to Castle Howard using school mini buses. Upon arrival, pupils will meet the Bushcraft staff where they will be welcomed to the camp. Accommodation will be provided in a tented safari-style camp, run by a team of experienced instructors, tribe leaders and camp chefs. Each camp is made up of a large tipi for meal times and talks, a central camp fire, large white bell tents to sleep in (single-sex) and portaloos. Upon arrival, they will be given a safety briefing and snack. During the morning, they will do fire lighting. After lunch, they will do various activities which could include camp craft, survival bracelets and shelter building. They will then have their evening meal before commencing evening games, followed by hot chocolate and marshmallows before bed. On day 2, they will be provided with a substantial breakfast, snack and lunch and activities may include camouflage and concealment, trap making, cutting tools and wilderness first aid. After a 'no trace' departure, we will return to school by no later than 4pm on the Friday.

#### **Cost and kit information**

The cost of the trip will be approximately £96. To secure our booking, this should be received by Wednesday 25 March. Payment should be made by BACS transfer to the school bank:

Sort code: 30-98-13

Account Number: 01776186

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc

Please ensure you have an easily identifiable reference code: Y5RT and your child's name.

Please note that money may not be refunded if at a later date your son/daughter is unable to attend and the School is unable to fully recover the amount paid to the trip organiser.

A full kit list will be issued and parents will be invited to attend an information meeting nearer the time. Pupils will require a sleeping bag and a roll mat and plenty of old, warm clothes.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



Claire Thompson  
**Head of Key Stage 2**

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**Year 5 Residential Trip**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my son/daughter to attend the Year 5 Residential Trip to Castle Howard Woodland: Thursday 21-Friday 22 May 2020

I have paid the sum of £96 by bank transfer and the payment reference is:

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian