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Dear Parent

**Year 8 Outward Bound Trip: Friday 25-Sunday 27 June 2021**

I am writing to inform you of the proposed changes to the Year 8 Derwentwater trip. This is the trip that was originally planned for March 2020 and which we are now hoping to run between 25-27 June.

We plan to leave school on Friday 25 June at 9am and return on Sunday 27 June between 2pm and 4pm (this will be finalised nearer the time). We will be staying at Derwentwater Youth Hostel, travelling by mini bus.

Although the Youth Hostel will be open to other members of the public (as in previous years), Red House will be in a 'bubble' and we will have sole occupancy of a designated area of the hostel. This will include being allocated our own shower and toilet areas. We are also reducing the occupancy of the rooms to 50-60% so there is a greater opportunity for social distancing and the staff at the hostel have increased their cleaning schedule to ensure areas will be cleaned regularly. We will also have sole use of the dining area for all our meals. It will also be cleaned regularly and we will be able to use it in the evening to entertain the children. Unfortunately, we will not have access to the games area but we have planned evening activities for the pupils instead, using the extensive grounds.

Members of staff running the trip will be asked to complete an additional lateral flow COVID test on the Friday morning and we ask you to ensure your children also test themselves before attending.

We understand that some families may be anxious about their child participating in this weekend away. However, we feel that, after the difficulties the pupils have faced over the last year, this trip will provide them with the opportunity to develop their social and teamwork skills as well as enjoy time with their peers. If you do not want your child to participate in this revised trip please can you contact me: [lynzey.spencer-crabb@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:lynzey.spencer-crabb@redhouseschool.co.uk).

I will be in touch in the next couple of weeks with finalised details and will ask you to complete a revised consent form as well as medical documents. I still have the 'pocket' monies provided for the previous trip.

We will continue to monitor the government guidance and, although the majority of this trip will happen outdoors, we will endeavour to make a number of changes to our plan should the guidance change.

Yours sincerely

*L Spencer-Crabb*

**Mrs L Spencer-Crabb**