

Newchurch Community Primary School

1st June 2021

Dear Parents

We are delighted to inform you that we are organising a five day residential, educational adventure activity course at the Arete Outdoor Centre at Caernafon, Gwynedd, North Wales in October 2021 for the current Year 5 children who will then be in Year 6. We are thrilled to be partnering with this established venue and to offer our robins such an amazing experience.

Arête is one of the outstanding centres for adventurous outdoor activities in the UK. The centre holds the Adventurous Activities Licence (AALA) along with the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Mark. Through the use of the Welsh Coast and Snowdonia National Park, the centre challenges the children with a range of activities aimed at expanding their physical, mental and social skills. Every activity undergoes thorough safety checks and procedures and the centre itself provides secure and controlled residential accommodation.

The trip will take place from **Monday 4th October to Friday 8th October 2021**. The cost for the centre, activities and accommodation will be approximately **£280**. We are currently awaiting confirmation for the cost of the transport and we will confirm the price once we have received this quote. As detailed in our earlier correspondence, this cohort will engage in their enterprise activity in the next half term to help reduce the cost of the residential.

For those activities which take place wholly or mostly within school time, we ask for “voluntary contributions” to cover the cost. Unfortunately, we have to reserve the right to cancel visits if there are insufficient contributions.

The trip includes return travel by coach, full board, accommodation, insurance and a full programme of activities.

We would like all children to take part in this residential trip as it will not only be a wonderful experience, but will provide many opportunities for ‘growing up’ and taking responsibility which is good preparation for the transition to high school.

In the meantime, if you wish to find out more about the ethos of Arete, its courses, supervisory and safety measures, please visit <https://www.aretecentre.co.uk/> in particular the “Parent’s Guide” within.

Please **pay £30 deposit on Parent Pay by 18th June 2021**, to secure a place for your child and give your consent to the visit. Further payments can be made at any time to help with managing the cost.

| | Date due by |
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| 1st deposit | 18/06/2021 |
| 2nd deposit | 20/07/2021 |
| Final balance | 30/10/2021 |

We would have loved to have given you more notice for the deposit, but we are having to respond to the guidance we receive, check insurance and also complete risk assessments. Due to the short notice, if you would like to pay in instalments or think you may have difficulty in finding this amount by the end of September 2021, please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Narraway.

Thank you

Mrs Jayne Narraway
Headteacher