

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

For a number of years now our Year 5 pupils have participated in a residential visit to the **Robinwood Centre at Baraugh Hall, Alston**. It is our pleasure to inform you that we intend once again to run this popular event next year from Wednesday 30th January to Friday 1st February 2019. The cost of the visit will be £195.36 per child (Including coach travel). This is a significant reduction in price from many previous trips due to the time of year change.

Robinwood are able to adapt their programme in a variety of ways according to the needs of the group and the weather conditions experienced. Courses at this time of year see the biggest benefit from the extensive indoor provision at each centre. Many outdoor activities also have areas under shelter with floodlights for evening sessions. As long as the children are properly dressed for the conditions, they can have a great time and it is often more of a real outdoor adventure if the weather is challenging.

The Governors are of the opinion that activities away from the school site are very important for a balanced education and as such every child is entitled to take part in all activities that take place wholly or mainly within school hours. The school also firmly believes that inability to pay should not disqualify any child from receiving the educational benefits afforded by this visit. However, school does rely on significant voluntary contributions to allow this trip to go ahead. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please make an appointment to see Miss Pemberton.

We would be grateful if you could give us an indication of the number of children who would like to join us on the residential. Therefore, if you wish your child to participate, please complete and return the slip attached with a non-refundable £30 deposit in order to secure your child's place. On receipt of the initial payment, you will be issued with a payment card to record any subsequent payments. Payments can be made in full, monthly or weekly using the payment card. You may return the form to indicate that your child would like to go on the trip and pay the deposit by **Friday 6th July**.

More details will of course follow but in the meantime if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to ask. There is also a Robinwood DVD that you may borrow if you would like any information about the centre or the activities the children take part in. Please see Mr Maher to borrow the DVD.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Maher

James Maher

I anticipate that my son/daughter will/will not (delete as appropriate) be participating in the Year 5 trip to Robinwood in January 2019.

I enclose the £30 non-refundable deposit

I will pay the initial £30 deposit before 6th July

(Please tick as appropriate)

Child's Name:

Class:

Signed:

Date:

