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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 for Year 5 next year from Monday 19th January to Wednesday 21st January 2026. The cost of the visit will be **£220** per child (Including coach travel).

We are aware that this letter comes at a time when we are asking for contributions to the Liverpool Trip. However, we have to secure the places and so at this time our priority is to know numbers and a commitment to pay the deposit at a later date. (We have delayed the deposit payment arrangements to assist). If there are any financial concerns in paying the deposit at this time please contact the office or have a confidential word with Mrs Fletcher.

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.

Robinwood requires school to pay a deposit within the next three weeks to secure this trip. Therefore we need an indication of the number of children who wish to attend.

If you wish your child to participate, please complete and return the slip overleaf. Please note-there is a non-refundable £30 deposit to be paid via ParentPay by the end of April. (If you can pay the deposit earlier, this will help the school who have to make the payment within 3 weeks to secure the places)

The remaining cost may be paid by weekly or monthly installments via ParentPay.

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 (Year 6 teacher)
Miss Sadler (Year 5 teacher)

Robinwood Trip

I anticipate that my child **will/will not** (delete as appropriate) be participating in the Year 5 trip to Robinwood in January 2026.

I have paid £30 **non-refundable** deposit via ParentPay ☐

I will pay the initial £30 deposit before 30 April 2025 via ParentPay ☐
(Please tick as appropriate)

Child's Name: Class:
Signed: Date:
