

04 October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to outline an opportunity for your child this year to experience a residential outdoor education trip to Longtown in Herefordshire. The trip combines outdoor education activities such as orienteering, gorge walking, caving and high/low rope courses with a development of skills such as team work, leadership and problem solving.

The Longtown centre is a Northamptonshire County Council run Outdoor Education Centre and is located in a superb rural setting on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. The fully equipped residential centre has excellent on-site facilities set in 16 acres of private grounds. Further information can be found on the website:- [www.longtownoutdoorlearning.co.uk](http://www.longtownoutdoorlearning.co.uk) In addition, prior to the trip, the Centre leader will be in School to talk with parents and pupils about the trip.

We are planning to run two consecutive trips during the week beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. Trip 1 –Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Trip 2 –Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April –Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Each trip will last for four days and three nights with the two trips overlapping on the Wednesday of that week. The cost of the trip is **£235** per pupil. This is to cover the cost of transport, full board and all activities which are conducted with fully qualified staff from the Longtown Centre. The Centre provides all specialist equipment for all activities.

The Longtown Centre does provide bursaries; any family which feels that the cost is prohibitive and are in receipt of free school meals, should contact me at school for more information about how to apply for financial support through the bursary scheme.

It is expected that all pupils who would like to participate will be able to do so. Last year, the majority of Year 7 pupils participated in the trips and found them to be highly enjoyable, team building adventures which challenged them to try new activities and develop new skills.

If your child would like a place on one of the trips, please complete the form below and return with the **non-refundable** deposit of **£50**. Other payments can be made in installments over the weeks leading up to the trips. The final balance must be paid by **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. If final payments are not made by this date, your child will not be able to participate in the trip.

If you have a specific reason for your child to be on one trip rather than the other, please contact me.

We very much hope that your child would like to participate in one of the trips this year and look forward to working with them.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Freeman  
Progress Learning Lead -North

**Longtown 2018 reply slip**

Pupil Name: ..... Base Group: .....

I would like my child to participate in one of the Longtown trips this year and enclose a non-refundable cash/cheque deposit of £50 to secure a place.

Signed: ..... Date .....

Payments can be made through Parentmail (a link will be sent to you shortly). If you would prefer to pay by cheque or cash please complete the above slip and return to the finance office. Cheques should be made payable to Elizabeth Woodville School or EWS. Bank transfers can also be made. Sort code: 30-96-09 Account number: 67762768