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“Love one another as I have loved you” John 13:34 (Our school Mission)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to advise you that we are planning an Outward Bound® residential experience for the current Year 5 to take place in September 2022. We have tentatively booked Monday 26th to Friday 30th September 2022.

The Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity that uses the outdoors to provide life-changing educational courses and unique experiences for young people.

As you are aware, the new National Curriculum clearly states young people should experience ‘learning outside the classroom’.

The results of taking our students into a different environment and encouraging them to work better as a team, build self-confidence and take personal responsibility are outstanding. The difference back in the classroom, and at home, is often remarkable.

The Outward Bound Trust was established in 1941 and is the original provider of outdoor education, with an unrivalled safety record. Their mission is to unlock the potential in young people through discovery and adventure in the wild.

We are particularly keen that our Year 5 students are given the opportunity to access safe adventure in this way. We are still trying to source something for the current Year 6 but this has proved very difficult especially the Wirral Centre at Oakland's has closed.

The Trust operates four young people's residential centres in the UK and we have chosen to go to The Lake District for 5 days.

The cost of the course is £300 per student, (50% school subsidy for pupil premium children) which is fully inclusive of food, accommodation, bed-linen, equipment and insurance.

We've also been successful in receiving from The Outward Bound Trust's financial support, which has helped keep the costs down.

We do need to confirm the trip as if there is not enough take up the trip will not be financially viable - likewise we have limited spaces for children and will operate on a first come first served.

We are looking for confirmation and a deposit by 10th November. If the trip is not viable we will return the deposit in full. If you log into parent pay you can now book.

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

We will be having a meeting straight after school on the 3rd November and a zoom meeting at 6.30pm for those that cannot attend.

If you have any queries, do give me a ring on 0151 638 6373 or drop me an email schooloffice@stalbans.wirral.sch.uk



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You can also visit The Outward Bound Trust's excellent website on www.outwardbound.org.uk to learn more about their work and to download useful information about the centre and the course.

We have also put a payment schedule in place to help you – the events are now live.

I hope like me you will support the children who have had a difficult time during lock down.

I look forward to sending you an update in due course.

Yours sincerely

John McDonald (Headteacher)