



4 November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

ACTIVITY DAYS – WEDNESDAY 31 MAY & THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017

Arrangements are currently being made for our S1 – S3 Activity Days 2017. Previous years have been highly successful, with pupils gaining new experiences in a variety of different activities with different people. The 2 days will be organised in a similar way to previous years with all pupils in:

- S1 going to Landmark on one of the days
- S2 going to Boots n' Paddles Outdoor Activity Centre on one of the days
- S3 going to Paintball for one of the days. We do offer an alternative activity for those in S3 who do not want to do Paintball.

For the other day, the pupils will be given a number of options of either one whole day or two half day activities. The pupils have been given a presentation during assembly showing them what is on offer and in the week beginning the 14 November, they will make their choices during registration.

For a number of years the basic cost has remained the same. However, the continuing increase in costs for activities and transport mean that this year's basic cost for the 2 days be; S1 - £35, S2 - £40 and S3 - £40. In addition, we have chosen to offer 3 full day activities which will carry a further £15 supplement due to the running cost. If these activities are chosen the cost to pupils would be; S1 - £50, S2 - £55 and S3 - £55. We hope that you will appreciate that a lot of the costs come from transporting pupils out of school. It is felt that this is an essential part of the whole experience however, and justifies the cost.

Payments can either be paid in full or in 2 instalments on 28 November and 20 February. It is important that this should not be an issue for staff dealing with payments and we would ask that a final payment deadline of 10 March is met.

The school fund subsidises all pupils for the activity days and allows the 2 days to run! There is an awareness that cost can be an issue for some families. This is something that can be easily addressed through the pupils' guidance teacher. It would be really helpful if you could alert guidance staff or me either through a phone call, email or letter (details below). This helps to avoid any unnecessary upset with pupils regarding late payments.

An outline of activity options are on the back of this letter and will give you an indication of the type of activities that will be on offer. The consent form will be sent out with the first payment request in mid-November and must be returned along with the payment.

Regards,

Mrs H MacRae
Acting PT Pupil Support

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WHOLE DAY ACTIVITIES

- Fishing
- Cookery
- Football at Ross County
- Eden Court Trip
- Nails & Beauty Therapy
- Skateboarding

- Highland Wildlife Park

WHOLE DAY ACTIVITIES*(with £15 supplement)

- Go Karting – 3 activity rotation between Segways, Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting and Go Karting
- Horse Riding – for competent riders only and will involve grooming, tacking and a 2 hour hack

HALF DAY ACTIVITIES

- Photography
- Craft
- Boxing
- Theatre make-up
- Textile Design
- Trampoline park