



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the information evening about this year's Robinwood trip. Here are the trip details as mentioned in the meeting.

Dates: Monday 7th June - Wednesday 9th June.

Location: Barhaugh Hall, Alston, Cumbria

Leaving time: Please bring children to school at the usual time in comfortable clothes for travelling. We will be aiming to leave at 9:45am in order to arrive at Robinwood around 11:30am. The bus drops us off about a mile away from the centre, so children should wear suitable footwear for walking. Luggage is transported via a minibus.

You will be given a luggage label which must be attached to the one piece of luggage permitted for the trip. A small bag or backpack is also allowed on the coach. Lunch will be provided by Robinwood so there is no need to take any food onto the bus. Please make sure any travel sickness pills are taken before arriving at school as the journey is windy. ALL medication must be handed to a member of staff on arrival at school (including travel sickness tablets for the return journey) clearly named and with specific instructions on administration.

What to bring: The equipment list provided by Robinwood is attached to this letter. Robinwood staff can wash and dry clothes overnight should it be necessary so your child will always have access to clean dry clothes in the morning should they run out. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name. Cameras are not allowed at Robinwood due to safeguarding, but school staff will take photos which will be shared on our return and subject to internet access, on Facebook daily. Children should not bring any money or electronics.

Activities: Below is an outline of the activities we will be doing over the 3 days.

Typical three day programme at Barhaugh Hall

Around 24 hours of high quality activity sessions packed into a 3 day course. We ensure your group gains the most possible from every moment spent at Robinwood, from wake-up around 7.00am to lights out (and sleep!) at 10.00pm. Please note that this activity programme does vary dependent in particular on weather conditions and the timetable given is only a sample. The activity programme you follow will be confirmed in advance of your course, within a personalised timetable for your school.

Day 1

- Arrivals are typically about 11.00am
- Walk to Centre
- Lunch
- Quest
- Canoeing
- Evening Meal
- Archery
- Nightline
- Hot Chocolate and Review

Day 2

- Breakfast
- Piranha Pool
- Crate Challenge
- Giant Swing
- Lunch
- Zip Wire
- Dungeon
- Climbing
- Evening Meal
- Team Challenge
- Hot Chocolate and Review

Day 3

- Breakfast
- Trapeze
- Raft Building
- Caving
- Lunch
- Departures are typically about 2.30pm

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Contact: If there are any problems we will contact you. However if an emergency arises at home and you need to make contact with Robinwood out of school hours, Mrs Bowskill can be reached on the school mobile - 07511091450. She will then contact the centre with the necessary information and co-ordinate any arrangements that need to be made. Please note that this number should be called only in the case of an emergency, Any routine queries should be directed to the school office during school hours.

Food: There is a large selection of meal choices available. There is always a vegetarian option, and special diets can be catered for. Children will fill in a meal choice form for the trip on the first day.

Sleep: Children sleep in dormitories with all bedding provided and toilet facilities close by. We will ask children to name three other children they would like to share a room with and we will do our best to accommodate their wishes. Night duty staff supervise overnight, assisted at relevant times by bedtime staff and wake-up staff. All dormitories have a call assistance button that can be pressed by the children, if they need a member of the Robinwood team overnight. School staff are also available should a child become distressed.

Coming home: We will be leaving Robinwood at around 2:50pm on Wednesday, 9th June to arrive at school at approximately 4:30pm.

Staffing: Visit leader: Miss Whinnett Assistant leader: Miss van Mierlo

We will be constantly supported by Robinwood staff. The quality of the staff team and the extensive training programme they undergo is central to having and maintaining an outstanding safety record. They have a rigorous programme of activity session assessments to ensure everyone is working to the right standard. The level of supervision on activity sessions is appropriate to the nature of the activity taking place.

The Robinwood website is very informative and has great pictures and videos of the activities - <https://www.robinwood.co.uk/>.

We are looking forward to having an excellent time and enabling your child to develop their teamwork, resilience and independence. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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