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Year 4 Rise:Up Festival Residential – May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the success of the Rise:Up festival in previous years, we are delighted to share with you that we will be returning to Walton Firs this academic year. This location offers a campsite which is far enough away to feel like an adventure, whilst being close enough to enable parents to drop their children off, eliminating the need for coaches. We have worked hard to source another wonderful programme of opportunities to support children in developing a broad range of skills, as well as offering fun and memorable experiences.

All five Lumen Learning Trust schools will all be taking part in the festival and, as a result of working together in this venture, we are pleased to be able to offer a competitive cost of £180 per child, which is made up of a compulsory cost for board and lodgings of £105 plus a voluntary contribution of £75 to cover the cost of the activities children will be participating in. Unfortunately, and with regret, should we not have sufficient families paying the full amount, including the voluntary element, then we will have no choice but to cancel the trip.

What is the Rise:Up Festival?

The children will take part in a two-night stay with a difference; they will be entertained and engaged through a wide range of purposeful, enriching activities. The children will take part in a range of workshops including street dance, shelter building, fire making, caving and buggy building to name a few. In addition, there will be evening entertainment activities held on both nights including a night around the camp fire and a silent disco. Hot, tasty, fresh meals will be made on site, ensuring all dietary requirements are catered for. This will provide the children with opportunities to develop key life skills whilst also creating memories that last a lifetime.

When?

We will be taking part in the Rise:Up festival between **Wednesday 22nd May – Friday 24th May 2024**. The children will be at school during the day on the Wednesday and parents will then take their children to the festival in the early evening where they will enjoy a light tea before settling into their tents and getting ready for the evening entertainment. The children will then take part in a full programme of activities across the following two days and they will then be collected by parents during the afternoon of the Friday. More information about the timings will be shared at the meeting.

In order to keep the cost of the trip at a competitive price and due to the location being a short distance from all Lumen Learning Trust schools, we are asking that the children are dropped to and collected from Walton Firs by their parents/carers. In order to manage traffic and ensure a smooth arrival and dismissal for all, there will be a staggered arrival and dismissal for the schools; more information about this will be shared with parents in due course. This arrival and dismissal procedure has worked fantastically in our previous years of running the festival.

Parent Information Evening

To provide further information about the trip, we will be holding a parent information evening on **Thursday 30th November at 6pm in the school hall**. Your child from Year 4 is welcome to attend with you.

Further information and medical questionnaires will be sent home with the children next term.

Payment

The total price of the residential, including voluntary contributions, is £180 and includes: accommodation, all activities/workshops and meals that are cooked on site. Please note that to ensure the best value for money, we will not be organising transport, but will instead ask that parents take their children and collect them from the campsite.

To secure a place for your child we ask that you tick the online consent box on Scopay by **Friday 8th December 2023** and make a payment for the non-refundable deposit of £25.

The cost of the residential will be payable in instalments as detailed in the following payment plan. We do appreciate that there is a Year 4 trip taking place in November, please do not hesitate to make smaller payments for both trips to spread the cost. If the deposit payment needs to be a smaller amount this is of course not a problem. The payment can be made in full if you prefer and as always, if the cost is a concern, please speak to the school office in confidence

Friday 8th December 2023	£25 Deposit
Friday 26th January 2024	£25
Friday 23 rd February 2023	£50
Friday 22 nd March 2023	£40
Friday 26 th April 2023	£40

Once you have booked a place for your child, you are committed to the cost even if your child cannot attend, irrespective of the circumstances, unless the trip is cancelled by the school.

We are very keen to do all that we can to enable all of our children to participate in the Residential. In planning the activities, we have tried to balance the children's social-emotional development, affordability, relevance to learning in curriculum areas and enjoyment. The children gain so much from being part of a whole group experience and will form treasured memories which remain long after school days are over. If there is any aspect of the trip that gives you or your child cause for concern, please speak to your class teacher.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team