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Dear Parents and Carers,

Residentials – Changes from Summer 2027

We are writing to let you know about some exciting changes we are planning for our school residential programme.

Historically, our residential opportunities have been offered to pupils in Years 5 and 6. From Summer 2027, we are pleased to announce that we are planning to extend these opportunities to pupils in Years 3 and 4 as well.

We believe that residential experiences provide children with valuable opportunities to develop independence, resilience, teamwork, confidence and friendships, while also creating memorable experiences outside the classroom. By extending our residential programme across more year groups, we hope that more children will have the opportunity to benefit from these experiences during their time at school.

We are planning the following four-year programme:

Year	*Residential*
Summer 2027	Edinburgh
Summer 2028	Outward Bound – Lockerbie Manor / Hawes End
Summer 2029	Liverpool
Summer 2030	Camping with The Wilderness Company

The rotation will then repeat, allowing pupils to experience a different residential as they progress through the school.

We anticipate that the cost of each residential will be approximately £250-£300 per pupil. We will provide more specific costs and information about each individual trip nearer the time.

Making payments manageable

We appreciate that the cost of residential experiences can represent a significant expense for families. To help make this more manageable, we will set up payment plans through SchoolMoney.

This will allow parents and carers to make smaller, regular payments throughout the school year rather than having to pay the full amount at once.

Alongside this, we will explore a range of fundraising activities to help offset the cost of residential experiences for all pupils. Our aim is to build a shared fund that can contribute towards the overall cost of the programme, helping to keep these valuable experiences as affordable as possible for every family. We welcome ideas and support from our school community and will look at opportunities for children, families, staff and the wider community to get involved in fundraising.

Opportunities for our younger pupils

We are also looking at introducing a residential-style experience for children in Reception and Key Stage 1**.** Our current plan is to offer a special ‘camp out’ at school during the Summer Term, giving our youngest pupils the opportunity to experience sleeping away from home in a familiar and supportive environment. This will provide children with an introduction to the excitement and independence of a residential experience, while remaining within the school setting.

We are very excited about the development of our residential programme and the opportunities it will provide for children across the school. We hope that by offering experiences at different stages of children's primary education, and by giving families plenty of time to plan, spread payments and benefit from fundraising efforts, we can enable as many pupils as possible to take part.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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