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Principal: James Tickle

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Dear Parent/Carer

Blencathra Trip – Final Arrangements

The days are getting longer and warmer and the Year 8 field studies visit is rapidly approaching. On Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th May 2018 we will be setting off to Blencathra Field Studies Centre FSC in the Lake District.

- **Meeting Time:** Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at **7:00am** at the car park opposite The Roundhill Academy.
- **Returning to School:** Friday 25th May 2018 at approximately 5:30pm at the overflow car park opposite The Roundhill Academy. This will be reliant on the traffic. We will encourage the students to update parents via their phones on the homeward journey to let you know how traffic is.

Can we ask that you ensure the school gates and overflow car park are clear to enable buses to drop off safely. There is parking in the nearby industrial estate or Asda.

Blencathra is located in a dramatic setting close to Keswick in the National Park. The accommodation is owned and operated by the FSC who have great experience in running this sort of residential experience. Students will be staying in dormitory rooms and food will be provided. However, if your child has specific dietary requirements please let the school know before the 9th May 2018.

A packed lunch should be brought to eat for lunch on the Wednesday 23rd May 2018. (Packed lunches can be provided for students who would normally receive Free School Meals).

The program of events may be weather dependent, however we are looking to go Ghyll scrambling (walking up a stream!) on the Wednesday afternoon, followed by a full day of studying the rocky shore ecology at St. Bees near Whitehaven. We will then be doing some further field work on site at Blencathra on the Friday.

As these activities will be outdoors, students will need appropriate clothing (see the kit list on the attached letter). If you do not have any of the kit marked* then this can be hired from the centre. The kit list specifies not to wear jeans; this is due to the fact that they take a long time to dry out. Instead, cotton trousers or 'joggers' should be worn. All bedding is provided, so students do not need to bring sleeping bags.

Money

There are opportunities to hire equipment and items may be bought from the centre shop (see attached list). We will leave it to your discretion how much to give your child, although any money is their responsibility.

Valuables

We advise that you leave expensive personal items at home as we cannot take responsibility for them. However, mobile phones or cameras are welcome, but it is your child's responsibility.

Important

Due to allergies amongst some of our students, no nuts of any type are to be taken on the trip. Thank you for your assistance.

Emergency Contact Only

If emergency contact is required by parents, please contact the school office in the first instance between 8:00am to 4:00pm. In the evening a member of staff can be contacted by dialling 07555 433077.

If you have any questions regarding the visit do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Lindley through the main reception at The Roundhill Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Ji', is positioned above the printed name.

John Lindley
Trip Organiser