



15th January 2024

Dear Families of Y4 Children

Year 4 – Visit to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre, near Bakewell in Derbyshire, March 2024

We are delighted to be able to once again offer all of our Year 4 children the opportunity of a 3 day/2 night visit to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre in The Peak District in March. Thornbridge is a residential outdoor centre owned by Sheffield Local Authority. It is situated between Great Longstone and Ashford in the Water, approximately two miles from Bakewell, and is set in sixty acres of grounds and woodlands. You can visit the website for details of the site at <https://www.thornbridgeoutdoors.co.uk>

The week will be split into two, with each Y4 class having a two night stay. The dates are:

Monday 18th March to Wednesday 20th March for Mr Bebbington's class

Wednesday 20th March to Friday 22nd March for Mr Baines' class

There will be a range of activities during the week. These will include walking, cycling, orienteering and time at Thornbridge using the fantastic low ropes courses located in the woods on the site. The theme of the activities will be team work, support, co-operation, confidence building, adventure and lots of fun! During the children's stay each class will be accompanied by staff from school and, in addition, Thornbridge staff who are on site and will be leading some of our activities.

The cost of for the visit this year will be **£75 per child**. This includes a two night stay, travel to/ from the centre, food, hire of equipment and cost of instructors. The actual cost per child considerably more, but we feel that this visit provides valuable experience to our Y4s, and school will therefore subsidise the cost to you.

We have arranged a meeting after school in the Hall on **Monday 5th February a 5pm** so that you can find out more about the visit. At the meeting we will provide more details about the activities planned and give you the chance to ask any questions. In the meantime, if you have any worries do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or email us - we are sure that we can work with you to sort out any problems you have.

The easiest way to book your place and pay the £10 deposit is by our payment system, the School Gateway App. Places can only be booked if you do not have outstanding debts to school. Please book and pay the initial deposit by **Friday 23rd February**. The remaining £65 needs to be paid by **Friday 8th March** to keep your place. You can pay the full amount or opt to pay by instalments.

If you have a payment plan in place just email us to book your child's place on office@watercliffe.sheffield.sch.uk and the cost will be taken from your plan.

We do hope your child will join us on this visit.

Yours sincerely

Ian, Claire and the Y4 Team