



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you regarding a Year 7 and 8 trip to Buttermere as part of the Cumbrian Award. The trip will take place on Wednesday 21st November 2018 (Year 9s) and Thursday 22nd November 2018 (Year 7 and 8). We will be leaving school at 9.30am and returning by the end of the school day. The trip will involve a walk around the Buttermere whilst collecting water and soil samples, practising navigation skills and responding to an emergency first aid scenario.

The Cumbrian Award is a new and exciting addition to our curriculum, part of which focusses on outdoor adventurous activities and safety in the outdoors environment. As part of the course students are required to plan a series of mini adventures in preparation for a big adventure they will be taking part in, in the summer term. In preparation for this trip students have been learning about the requirements of planning an adventure. Their planning has included the food they will need to take, the clothing and equipment they need and the route which they will follow. In addition, they have been taught basic first aid skills and will be required to respond to an emergency scenario which will allow them to practise these skills in an outdoor environment.

Students will need to attend the trip in appropriate outdoor clothing. They will need to wear sturdy walking boots, waterproofs, a hat, gloves and lots of warm clothing. They will need to have a rucksack to carry their packed lunch, medication and any additional clothes and equipment. They will also need to take a healthy packed lunch and lots of water. In the unlikely event of there being a heat wave, your child will need to bring sun cream as well. If your child does not have waterproofs or walking boots the school will supply them. In order to reserve this equipment, you must indicate that it is needed on the reply slip below.

This trip is a compulsory part of the course and so all students must attend. Students will be divided into groups and supervised by a number of staff and leaders from Lakes College as well as Beacon Hill staff. We will be travelling there via mini bus and attendance to this trip is subject to change if pupils are not deemed safe in an outdoor environment where they are remotely supervised.

Please complete and return the attached consent form before the 12th November 2018. If you require any further information about this trip or have any concerns regarding clothing and equipment, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hedley

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I do/do not consent for..... (name of student) to attend the Buttermere trip on Wednesday 21st November 2018/ Thursday 22nd November 2018.

I understand that pupils need to attend the trip in outdoor clothing, bring waterproofs and a packed lunch and a drink.

I will/ will not require waterproofs and boots to be supplied by the school.

Signed:.....

Date:.....