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Dear Parents/Carers

22nd May 2024

Plas Caerdeon Outdoor Activities Centre: 19th to 23rd May 2025

You will be pleased to hear that we have booked the activity week for year 6 children (from September 2024) at Plas Caerdeon activity centre which is situated on the northern side of the Mawddach Estuary, on the outskirts of Barmouth. This is the same centre that we have used for many years. The centre is part of the Liverpool Hope University and is used for most of the time by their students for research and environmental work. The remaining weeks are available to schools, usually from the Liverpool area, but a number of other schools from Shropshire also use the centre on a regular basis.

As is customary with ventures such as this, I am required to follow the Shropshire Council guidelines in vetting the safety standards provided. The centre is licensed under the "Activity Centres (Young Persons Safety) Act of 1995" and the centre staff are qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Local Education Authority. The results of the vetting procedure will be reported to the Governing Body for this coming visit.

The standard of accommodation is very high and the centre offers a wide range of educational and recreational activities. During the week the children may complete a study of the local area to complement various areas of their school curriculum, and experience mountain walking, canoeing, orienteering and various other outdoor pursuits. In addition, there are excellent education facilities and all major equipment, waterproofs, boots, rucksacks etc., are provided by the Centre. This adventure week is very good value for money. The children access high quality equipment, staff and tuition for every activity.

The activity will take place from 19th to 23rd May 2025. The cost will be £370.00 per child and includes all meals, equipment, accommodation and insurance. Due to staffing costs for a large trip such as this, we have included a minimal extra charge per child to help cover these costs, as we cannot keep running our trips at a loss to school. The Friends of Castlefields School will continue to pay the cost of the coach which is in excess of £1,000. I would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Castlefields for their generosity.

We have been asked to pay an initial deposit of £30 (non refundable) per child in order to confirm places at the centre. If your child would like to take part in this activity week **please return reply slip by 12th July at the latest. Payment will be via ParentPay**

We know these are financially difficult times for many families, so if it would be of help to budget for this trip, we are happy to take the money in instalments. We hope this prior notice will help parents budget for this very beneficial trip for the children.

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There will be a meeting for parents nearer the time when further details will be available. In the meantime, if there is anything you would like to know please call in or telephone the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Lee
Headteacher

PROPOSED PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit due by 12 July 2024	£30.00
September 2024	£60.00
October 2024	£60.00
November 2024	£60.00
February 2025	£60.00
March 2025	£60.00
April Final payment	£40.00

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Y6 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WEEK 2025

I would like my child _____ to take part in the Plas Caerdeon Field Trip in 2025 and confirm that I will make full payment by April 2025.

I have paid a deposit of £30.00 via ParentPay Yes No

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

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