



The 'WOW' factor retreat- Dovedale

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you regarding a change to our proposed Year 5 Trip to Dovedale, the accommodation is no longer available on the dates we had originally chosen and so we have had to reschedule for the 12th and 13th May to ensure that the children still have the opportunity to go this academic year.

The majority of the visit is being funded by the school and thus we are only having to ask parents for £40 to cover the cost of coach travel and a packed lunch on the last day. In order to ensure that we have the funds to cover the cost of the trip could we ask all parents to **pay the full amount by Fri 6th May or to have paid the first 3 instalments if paying via this method. As the school is funding the majority of the trip, we unfortunately will be unable to accommodate any child who has not made a contribution to the trip (unless they are eligible for Free School Meals)**

We will arrive at Dovedale at 3.00pm on Thursday 12th May and we intend to be back at school by 3:00 on Friday 13th May. The retreat will last two days (please see attached agenda) and will involve Year 5 children accompanied by Mrs Pointon, Miss Bowers, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Heaps. Travel to and from Dovedale will be completed in a hired coach. Further information about the trip can be found on the Dovedale Powerpoint which is available to view on your child's class page on the school website (link will be sent via text) and on your child's TEAMS account. Medical forms will be sent home next week and will need to be returned to the school office by Mon 9th May.

Unless the weather is really bad, the intention will be to have both outdoor and inside activities and so we would prefer the children to dress informally, with coats and shoes etc suitable for walking through fields and a change of dry clothes and shoes for indoor use in case they get wet. Children may arrive in their own clothes on Thursday. The children will need night clothes and we ask that they bring their own towel and washing things thus a **small bag only** will be required.

We would advise that all belongings should have the pupil's name or initials on them. We ask children not to bring anything of value, this includes mobile phones. Children will not have the opportunity to contact you, if there are any problems staff will contact the school, likewise if you need to contact your child please do so through the school office.

There are no shops at Dovedale so we would ask the children not to bring any money. All food and drink will be provided.

If you have any further questions, please make an appointment to speak to me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pointon

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WOW factor retreat Itinerary

Thursday 12th May

Time	Activity
1:00	Leave school and travel to Dovedale
2:00	Settle in, make beds
4:00	Walk round Ilam- What wows you about the landscape, How is it different from where you live?
5:30	Tea and free time
6:30	Group activities What is a retreat? What are you expecting? Split into groups 1) Drama 2) Music 3) Artwork
8:30	Night walk and activities in Ilam Church. Taize worship
9:30	Hot chocolate and bed time
10:00	Lights out

Friday 13th May

Time	Activity
8:30	Breakfast
9:15	Activities – team building
10:15	Pack bags and prepare for walk. Get packed lunch
11:00	Leave Dovedale for Thorpe Cloud walk
2:00	Leave Dovedale and travel back to school
3:00	Arrive back at school