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## The 'WOW' factor retreat- Dovedale

Dear Parents,

We have organised for Year 5 to have an overnight retreat in Dovedale House in the village of Ilam in the Peak District leaving on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June and returning on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The school is subsidising some of the costs of this trip due to the increasing costs of transport and accommodation and thus we asking parents for £45 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 26<sup>th</sup> May. As the school is funding part 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)**

The retreat will last two days (please see attached agenda) and will involve Year 5 children accompanied by Mrs Pointon, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Heaps. Travel to and from Dovedale will be completed in a hired coach

We will arrive at Dovedale at 2.00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June and we intend to be back at school by 3:15 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Unless the weather is really bad, the intention will be to have both outdoor and indoor 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. Year 5 staff will forward a Powerpoint of further information and a medical permission form to you two weeks before the trip

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pointon  
Headteacher

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### **WOW factor retreat Itinerary**

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
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 16<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
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