



P7 Parental Information

P7 Outdoor Week May 2021

22nd April 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

Further to the letter shared on the 29th March with you, we continue to plan for our P7 Outdoor Week during the week commencing Monday 17th May. We have spent time with the children explaining how the week will work and beginning to talk about the activities that they will be participating in. Excitement and anticipation is beginning to grow, which is great to see.

Itinerary of activities:

During the next two weeks we will be finalising the timetabling and arrangements for the week. In summary, we can confirm that the following activities will be enjoyed by both P7 classes, though they will not of course access all activities at the same time during the week:

- A day (coach) trip to Loch Lomond and Trossachs 'In Your Element' activity centre, including water sports and a 'tree-tops' experience during the day (see <https://iye.scot/loch-lomond/#>)
- A day (coach) trip to the James Hamilton Heritage Park for a water-sports experience (see <https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/james-hamilton-heritage-park-p252351>)
- A day shared between den-making, campfire-building and outdoor games in Huntly Park, with an extended 'long-walk' activity to either Rouken-Glen, Pollok or Linn Park (packed lunch)
- An extended biking experience to either Rouken-Glen, Pollok or Linn Park. Children can bring their own bikes or we will be able to supply one for your child
- A morning or afternoon (coach) visit to Mearns Castle Golf Academy for a golf tuition experience (see <https://www.mcgolfacademy.co.uk/>)
- An early evening event with food and drink on Thursday 20th May in our rear playground, to replace what would have been the 'disco' evening at Lockerbie Manor
- We cannot physically mix with children from either Braidbar or Thornliebank Primary Schools within our Woodfarm Cluster due to Covid-19 guidance, as we would normally do as part of our transition activities during this week. However, we are planning shared video calls and other experiences/ activities during the week, in order to as best replace this as we can
- All activities explained have been risk-assessed and provisional bookings are in place. All water-sports and events will be accessed with full safety equipment and guidance in place



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Swimming consent form:

Attached to this letter is a consent form to complete in order to support the water-sports activities. No other medical forms are required at this time as the activities we will be completing are 'day-trip' based and are therefore covered in the information we have from you already. However, could we ask you to make sure that any medical requirements are up to date and clear with the school office asap.

Biking and other practical questions:

Further information will be shared with you in the next ten days regarding some of the practical aspects of the week, including clothing, packed lunches, etc. As this is not a residential, the 'kit list' required and indeed your organisation of this is far simpler. The children will not need any special equipment and it should not be needed for our families to buy any new clothing or resources for the week. Their existing casual clothing and trainers will be ideal for the activities. More detail will follow.

One important aspect to mention here is regarding the biking event. The children do not need a 'mountain' bike for the activity and their regular everyday/ road bike will be fine. It may be that some of our children have not been on their bike for a little time, so it would be a great help for your child to get back on their bike again over the next few weeks at some stage. This will help to re-establish their confidence and also enable a quick check of the bike for you to make sure it is fully functional. If your child does not own their own bike, we would ask that you either call or email the school office asap. This will allow us to organise a bike for your child to use in advance of the day.

Cost and Payment:

The school will be covering the cost of transport to activities for our children, alongside other aspects of the week, and we have tried to minimise costs reasonably where at all possible. We can confirm **a total cost per child of £70**, which will pay for all of the Loch Lomond, James Hamilton Heritage and Mearns Golf experiences. If possible, we would ask that the **payment is made by Friday 14th May 2021**; this should be done through your **ParentPay** platform. Given the later planning and confirmation of this cost due to Covid-19, we understand that making this payment by this time may be challenging so we are able to extend this payment into June if this is helpful. Furthermore, if you have any questions around this payment, please contact one of the school's Senior Leadership Team. We very much hope that all of our Primary 7 will be able to take part in these activities.

We would also like to thank the Parent Council in advance for their additional support regarding the Thursday evening event.



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Given all that our children have had to deal with over the last 12 months, I am delighted that we are able to plan this week and very much look forward to making the best of our final term in Primary 7.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch through the school office.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson', is positioned below the text 'Kind regards,'.

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher