

Contact: Rob Lawson
Tel: 0141 570 7180
Email: schoolmail@giffnock.e-renfrew.sch.uk



Education Department
Giffnock Primary School
Academy Road
Giffnock
Glasgow, G46 6JL

21st June 2021

P7 Residential Information Evening: Thursday 26th August 2021 6.30pm

Dear Parent/ Carer,

For our annual Primary 7 Residential next session, we have booked to go to Lockerbie Manor on the week beginning Monday 14th March 2022. For residential experiences previously, our children have had such a great time at Lockerbie Manor that we felt it was the right choice for our 2022 excursion. Many of the schools in East Renfrewshire use Lockerbie Manor and it is of course fully approved by our authority.

With regard to Covid-19 restrictions, at the time of writing it is not possible for us to guarantee that we will be able to take our Primary 7 children to Lockerbie Manor in March 2022. Clearly, we will have to wait until national guidance and restrictions become clear during autumn and early winter. Nonetheless, if we are to plan to go we need to put the organisation in place, hence writing to you regarding this information evening. Further information on this matter will be shared at that time and we will of course be sharing updates and other information along the way as required.

The residential week will be a cluster event, with children from Braidbar and Thornliebank Primaries attending at the same time as us. In previous years this has worked very well for our children in terms of being part of their wider transition experiences in the move towards High School, so I am pleased that we are able to continue this.

I am writing to you at this early stage as we have organised a presentation to parents/carers to give you more information about the trip. This will be held on Thursday 26th August 2021 at 6.30pm. Given that this date falls quite early in the session, I wanted to advise you of it now. Whilst we would ideally wish to invite you into school for this presentation, at this time we expect to need to conduct it via a Google Meet video call. We will make the final decision on this format during the week commencing 16th August and will email you a link at that time as necessary. We hope that having the time and date in your diaries will be helpful.

In the past, we have always found these information sessions to be very useful for both the P7 child and the parent, in order to begin the preparations for the excursion. General information about the content and nature of the week will be shared so that you can make the final decision as to whether or not you would like your child to attend. In previous years, almost all of our children have attended and we do hope that this will prove the case again. Following the meeting, if you do wish your child to go, a deposit of £50 will be due by Tuesday 28th September 2021 in order for us to secure places with Lockerbie Manor. Payments must be made online through ParentPay as the school can no longer accept cash or cheques (an activation letter for ParentPay has already been issued to you). If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Mark Ratter, Director of Education, East Renfrewshire Offices, 211 Main St, Barrhead, G78 1SY

We cannot confirm a total cost at this time as exact transport costs cannot yet be confirmed without the exact number of children. Lockerbie Manor have increased their costs a little in the last year; we expect the total cost of the excursion to be approximately £280. As previously, this would normally be paid in instalments through to the end of February 2022. Looking ahead, if you were to have any questions regarding meeting this payment we would be very happy to speak further about it with you.

I very much look forward to our new Primary 7 year ahead and, as I am sure the Outdoor Week will prove, many other highlights ahead.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rob Lawson
Head Teacher