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P7 Residential Information Evening: Thursday 25th August 2022 6.30 – 7.15pm

Dear Parent/ Carer,

For our annual Primary 7 Residential next session, we have booked to go to Lockerbie Manor on the week beginning Monday 13th March 2023. 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 2023 excursion. Many of the schools in East Renfrewshire use Lockerbie Manor and it is of course fully approved by our authority.

During the last few sessions, we have had to adapt our planning in relation to Covid-19 restrictions. At the time of writing, there are no issues or indeed restrictions for our planning, however we will of course continue to monitor this.

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 25th August 2022 at 6.30pm in our gym hall. Given that this date falls quite early in the session, I wanted to advise you of it now.

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 Friday 30th September 2022 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.

We cannot confirm a total cost at this time as exact transport costs cannot yet be confirmed. Lockerbie Manor have also increased their costs a little in the last year; we expect the total cost of the excursion to be approximately £295. As previously, this would normally be paid in instalments through to the end of February 2023. 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 Residential Week will prove, many highlights to come.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Lawson
Head Teacher