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P7 Residential Information Evening: Thursday 21st August 2025 6.30 – 7.15pm

Dear Parent/ Carer,

For our annual Primary 7 Residential Trip next session, we have booked to go to Lockerbie Manor on the week beginning Monday 9th March 2026. Our children have had such a great time at Lockerbie Manor previously that we feel it remains the right choice for our 2026 excursion. Many of the schools in East Renfrewshire use Lockerbie Manor and it is of course fully approved by our authority. 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.

We cannot confirm a final total cost at this time, as exact transport costs cannot yet be confirmed, however we expect the total cost of the excursion to be approximately £415. We realise that this is a considerable expense and therefore wanted to tell you now, in order for you to plan accordingly. You can begin to make payments for this excursion from September 2025 and all payments ought to be completed by Friday 20th February 2026. We do however require the initial, minimum deposit of £80 by Friday 26th September 2025 to secure your child's place. Payments must be made online through ParentPay as the school can no longer accept cash or cheques. We have outlined a possible payment plan below following the deposit payment, though you can make any payments, or of course begin savings yourself in advance, at any time until the 20th February 2026:

£80 deposit to be paid by Friday 26th September 2025
£80 instalment to be paid October 2025
£75 instalment to be paid November 2025
£60 Instalment to be paid December 2025
£60 instalment to be paid January 2026
£60 final instalment to be paid by Friday 21st February 2026

Looking ahead, if you were to have any questions regarding these payments we would be very happy to speak further about them with you, so please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

I am also writing to you at this early stage as we have organised a presentation to parents/ carers and children, in order to give you more information about the trip. This will be held on Thursday 21st August 2025 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 Lockerbie and we do hope that this will prove to be the case again.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rob Lawson
Head Teacher