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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you that, following careful consideration, the P6 visit to the Titanic Museum in Belfast will be replaced by an outdoor education programme provided by North Lanarkshire Council. I recognise that this represents a change to an experience that pupils and families may have been anticipating, and I appreciate that some children may be disappointed.

As Head Teacher, I have a responsibility to ensure that decisions relating to educational visits are made in the best interests of our pupils and take appropriate account of educational benefit, equity, inclusion, wellbeing, safeguarding, risk management, and value for money.

Having reviewed the opportunities provided through the local authority's outdoor education programme, I am confident that it will make a significant contribution to the development of our P6 pupils at this stage of their learning.

The Palacerigg Outdoor Education Programme is a curriculum-linked learning experience delivered by North Lanarkshire Council's specialist outdoor education team at Palacerigg Country Park, Cumbernauld. The programme is designed to help children learn through active participation, teamwork, challenge, and exploration in a safe outdoor environment. It will also provide five full days of outdoor learning experiences, delivered by qualified instructors and supported by school staff. Please note that North Lanarkshire Council allocates dates to each school.

As you will be aware, pupils will take part in a range of exciting activities which may include cycling, archery, bushcraft, orienteering, team challenges, and outdoor games.

The programme supports learning across Curriculum for Excellence and helps pupils to develop important life skills such as confidence, resilience, communication, problem-solving, leadership, and teamwork. It also promotes physical activity, wellbeing, and an appreciation of the natural environment. Pupils will be encouraged to become:

- Successful learners, by solving problems and applying their learning in unfamiliar situations;
- Confident individuals, by developing resilience, independence, and self-belief;
- Responsible citizens, by working cooperatively and taking responsibility for themselves and others; and
- Effective contributors, by communicating, collaborating, and contributing to shared goals.

This educational experience will also reinforce our school values of effort, kindness, and respect, giving pupils opportunities to demonstrate these values through practical challenges and shared experiences.



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Another important consideration in reaching this decision has been our commitment to equity and inclusion. We want every child to have access to high-quality learning experiences.

This outdoor education programme enables us to draw upon the specialist expertise of local authority staff and established procedures for planning, supervision, and risk management, while ensuring that high-quality opportunities are accessible to all pupils.

As a school, we also have a responsibility to ensure that expenditure associated with educational experiences is proportionate to the benefits provided to pupils. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. It reflects my professional responsibility to make decisions that, after careful evaluation, I believe will provide the greatest overall benefit to our pupils.

Although the destination and format of the visit have changed, our ambition has not. We remain committed to ensuring that our P6 pupils have an experience that is memorable, enjoyable, challenging, and educationally purposeful. Outdoor learning experiences of this nature are recognised for their positive impact on confidence, resilience, teamwork and wellbeing. We look forward to seeing our pupils benefit from these opportunities and to gathering their feedback following the programme.

I understand that a change to what has been anticipated can sometimes be disappointing. However, I hope that our families will recognise that this decision has been made after careful consideration and with the best interests of our pupils at heart. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to providing our P6 pupils with a positive, memorable, and rewarding outdoor education experience.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Clinton

Head Teacher