## **Educational Services**

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Dear Parents/Carers,





We have once again booked a residential visit for Primary 5-7 to Dolphin House which is in the grounds of Culzean Castle Country Park. The visit is scheduled to take place from **Monday 15th to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024.** The purpose of this is to allow them to pursue a wide range of outdoor activities as well as encouraging team building and leadership skills.

Dolphin House is an outdoor education centre and it can accommodate 32 pupils within 7 small dormitories and 3 staff bedrooms. It offers a multi-activity residential course which combines fun and personal development in a lively and supportive environment. The pupils are kept busy from breakfast to bedtime with a huge variety of land and water based adventure activities. By extending them socially, physically and mentally, a multi-activity course gives them far more than simply academic achievement by which to measure themselves. The children are never pushed beyond their comfort zone, however the fully trained instructors have proven success in nurturing and supporting even the most apprehensive child. Some of activities will include: Canoeing, Climbing, Hill Walking, Team Building and Orienteering. Whilst the children are at Dolphin House they will be participating in the John Muir Award which is an environmental award with a focus around themes of Discovery, Exploration and Conservation.

The total cost of the Dolphin House visit is £225.00 but the school will subsidise the cost of the trip bringing it down to **£200 per pupil.** The school will also cover transport costs in order to make it more affordable for everyone. Pupils in receipt of free school meals are eligible for a £30.00 reduction. We would like to see as many pupils attending this residential visit as possible so parents/carers will be able to pay amounts weekly /monthly. The full balance must be paid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

A Parents' information session which will take place in March, prior to the residential visit. A representative from Dolphin House will deliver a presentation which will give you the opportunity to find out more information and ask any questions. You can also visit the website : <u>www.thedolphinhouse.co.uk</u>

If you would like your child to attend, a non-refundable deposit of  $\pounds 30$  is due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October to secure a place which can be made using Parentpay or in person at the school office. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding payments.

Yours sincerely Louise Monnison Louise Morrison Head Teacher