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Monday 20th November 2023

Year 4 Rise:Up Festival Residential – May 2024

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 4,

Following the success of the Rise:Up festival in previous years, we are delighted to share with you that we will be returning to Walton Firs this academic year. This location offers a campsite which is far enough away to feel like an adventure, whilst being close enough to enable parents to drop their children off, eliminating the need for coaches. We have worked hard to source another wonderful programme of opportunities to support children in developing a broad range of skills, as well as offering fun and memorable experiences.

All five Lumen Learning Trust schools will all be taking part in the festival and, as a result of working together in this venture, we are pleased to be able to offer a competitive cost of £180 per child, which is made up of a compulsory cost for board and lodgings of £105 plus a voluntary contribution of £75 to cover the cost of the activities children will be participating in. Unfortunately, and with regret, should we not have sufficient families paying the full amount, including the voluntary element, then we will have no choice but to cancel the trip.

What is the Rise:Up Festival?

The children will take part in a two-night stay with a difference; they will be entertained and engaged through a wide range of purposeful, enriching activities. Across their time at the festival, the children will take part in a range of workshops including street dance, shelter building, fire making, caving and buggy building to name a few. In addition, there will be evening entertainment activities held on both nights including a night around the camp fire and a silent disco. Hot, tasty, fresh meals will be made on site, ensuring all dietary requirements are catered for. This is a trip like no other, providing the children with opportunities to develop key life skills whilst also creating memories that last a lifetime.

When?

We will be taking part in the Rise:Up festival between **Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th May 2024**. The children will be at school during the day on the Wednesday and will then head to the festival in the early evening where they will enjoy a light tea before settling into their tents and getting ready for the evening entertainment. The children will then take part in a full programme of activities across the following two days where they will then be collected during the afternoon of the Friday.

In order to keep the cost of the trip at a competitive price and due to the location being a short distance from all Lumen Learning Trust schools, we are asking that the children are dropped to and collected from Walton Firs. In order to manage traffic and ensure a smooth arrival and dismissal for all, there will be a staggered arrival and dismissal for the schools; more information about this will be shared with parents in due course. This arrival and dismissal procedure has worked fantastically in our previous years of running the festival.



Parent Information Evening

To provide further information about the trip, we will be holding a parent information evening on **Tuesday 28th November at 3.30pm and 6.00pm in 4G** (parents/carers only need to attend one of the sessions).

Payment

The total price of the residential, including voluntary contributions, is £180 and includes: accommodation, a variety of activities/workshops, evening entertainment on both evenings and all meals that are cooked on site. Please note that to ensure the best value for money, we will not be organising transport, but will instead ask that parents take their children and collect them from the campsite.

In order to support payment, we have devised the following payment schedule:

£50 deposit – Friday 8th December 2023

£50 – Friday 12th January 2024

£40 – Friday 9th February 2024

£40 – Friday 15th March 2024

If you have any concerns regarding the payment, please speak with Natasha Herron-Duke (Home School Link Worker) to seek support where necessary. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, please contact Miss Phillips in the school office to discuss this.

Please can we ask all parents to complete the permission slip attached and return it to the school office by Friday 1st December 2023.

Kind regards,
The Year 4 Team

Rise:Up Festival 2024

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Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I would / would not (please delete as appropriate) like my child to take part in the Year 4 Rise:Up Festival.

I would like to pay in instalments

or

I would like to pay the full amount

I understand that the non-refundable deposit of £50 will need to be paid by **Friday 8th December 2023**.

I understand that the full amount of the trip will need to be paid prior to the trip and if my child decides not to go I may still be liable for part or full payment.

Signed by parent/carer: _____

Name of parent/carer: _____