

CHOWBENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Robinwood Activity Centre 2020

Following our very successful visit to the Robinwood Activity Centre this year I have made a provisional booking for next year from Wednesday 23rd September to Friday 25th September 2020. We are offering this trip to our current Y2 and Y3.

Robinwood is an accredited activity centre at Todmorden, West Yorkshire with nationally qualified and experienced staff. As you will see from the sample timetable below children will experience a wide range of outdoor activities during the three days of the visit.

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening	
Session	1 (8.30am to 10.20am)	2 (10.30am to 12.20pm)	3 (1.00pm to 2.50pm)	4 (3.00pm to 4.50pm)	5 (6.00pm to 7.20pm)	6 (7.30pm to 8.50pm)
Day 1		Arrival at 11.15 am	Alien Conspiracy	Trapeze	Team Challenge	
Day 2	Piranha Pool	Climbing	Bouldering	Caving	Dungeon of Doom	Crate Challenge
Day 3	Climbing	Archery	Night Line	Departure at 2.30pm		

The centre can accommodate a maximum of 26 children. All specialist clothing/equipment is provided by the centre, and the total cost is **£267** which includes accommodation, transport and insurance. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Children must show exceptional behaviour through the school year to ensure they will be able to attend.

The provisional booking will be held for 28 days pending receipt of a £50 non-returnable deposit for each child paid through Lunch Shop by Friday 6th December. If the school cancels the trip for any reason your deposit will be returned. Please note that deposits can be paid by instalments. Once the deposit is paid your child will be guaranteed a place on the trip.

Parents must make regular monthly instalments through Lunch Shop as follows. Please be aware that it is your responsibility to make these instalments, the school will not remind you when your payments are due:

Deposit 6th Dec £55.00
Instalment 24th Jan £36.00
Instalment 14th Feb £36.00
Instalment 28th March £36.00
Instalment 25th April £36.00
Instalment 23rd May £36.00
Instalment 27nd June £32.00

During the trip we like to take pictures of the pupils taking part in the various activities. As and when we can we will try to upload these onto Facebook so you can see your child/ren having fun (if we can get a signal whilst we are away). Also we like to display the photos in school when we return and we also use some pictures to promote the school e.g. school website, prospectus etc. Please note children are never named on social media sites or in promotional materials that go outside of school. If you are **NOT** happy about your child's photo being used in this way, you must put this in writing and hand it into the school office.

Developing Qualities

Developing children at Robinwood

Throughout their time at Robinwood, children:

- challenge themselves to overcome fears
- improve their listening skills
- take on leadership roles
- become more confident speaking out in a group
- support others in challenging situations
- become great team members and help their group work more as a team
- work successfully with children they would not normally work with
- become more aware of the needs of others
- improve their problem solving skills
- develop new skills
- overcome physical challenges

Developing key qualities, for each group and each child, focused on your priorities

Each activity group has the same group leader for all 15 activity sessions. Robinwood group leaders are able to tailor your course to focus to develop the key qualities that you feel are most important for your group and for each individual child in your group.

Group leaders spend around 30 hours, over 3 days, with their group. Within this time, they get to know the children so well, that they can work to develop each child as an individual, helping them to gain the most possible from their Robinwood experience.

The broad consultation we have identified the follow 12 qualities that children can develop at Robinwood;

- Responsibility
- Cooperation
- Confidence
- Resilience
- Patience
- Respect
- Support
- Listening
- Developing Skills

- Problem Solving
- Encouragement
- Communication

We give teachers the opportunity to select 2 key qualities from these 12 for each activity group and 2 qualities from the same list for each child to develop. Group leaders will then work on this, consulting and working together with teachers, throughout the course.

Developing qualities on each activity session

From the list of 12 we have also identified 6 qualities that are best developed on each activity, for example

Archery

- Listening
- Encouragement
- Responsibility
- Developing Skills
- Patience
- Respect

Piranha Pool

- Communication
- Listening
- Support
- Cooperation
- Confidence
- Problem Solving

Zip Wire

- Encouragement
- Confidence
- Resilience
- Responsibility
- Patience
- Respect

As children move round from one activity to the next, some additional focus is placed on the 6 qualities stated for each session.

Throughout the whole of a Robinwood course you will see children having great fun and thoroughly enjoying themselves. The learning and development that takes place happens very naturally alongside all the action, adventure, teamwork and fun. It is learning through doing, through maximum involvement in each of the varied sessions.

As part of a number of activity sessions we have a review activity which provides a stimulating and fun way for children to consider what they have learnt and gained from the session.

The development that takes place may to a large degree go unnoticed by the children taking part, but it is a very deep rooted positive development that can last for a lifetime, with great memories to reinforce the learning that is gained.