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## Year 6 Residential Visit to Herd Farm

Dear parents,

We are delighted to share with you our plans for a residential visit to take place in November 2018. This exciting opportunity will be available to all pupils currently in Year 5 (moving to Year 6 in September).

Our intention is for **every pupil to attend** this five-day residential visit and so we have worked very hard to keep the cost as low as possible. One of the ways in which we will be able to significantly reduce the cost is by asking parents to take and collect children directly to and from Herd Farm, which is 5 miles away from Iveson. The subsidised price we have secured below includes all accommodation, food and activities.

**Dates: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Cost per child: £90**

**Venue: Herd Farm - [www.herdfarm.co.uk](http://www.herdfarm.co.uk)**

We believe that this is an important opportunity for all Year 5 pupils at Iveson. Herd Farm is a fantastic venue that has a variety of exciting activities; some of which are detailed later in this letter. We will be arranging a parents meeting during the next couple of weeks in which we will be able to discuss the visit with you in more detail.

**Additional information will be sent to all parents in the coming weeks together with details of the school's saving scheme should you wish to use this facility.**

Regards,

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Assistant Headteacher

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Year 6 Teacher

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Year 5 Teacher



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## Suggested payment schedule

In order for us to confirm the booking for the residential visit to Herd Farm in November, we need to ask parents for a deposit at this stage. To confirm your child's place on this exciting event a deposit of **£15** is required by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

We understand that for some families this may be difficult, however we would like to ensure that this is a fully inclusive visit and that **all pupils** are given the opportunity to attend. If you will have difficulties in paying this deposit towards the final balance of £90, please contact me directly at school either by WhatsApp or by telephone call and I will arrange to discuss this with you.

For parents wishing to pay in instalments, please see below the suggested payment plan. All money is to be paid directly to the school office.

In the unlikely event that your child is unable to attend the visit closer to the time, we will be able to refund this deposit.

Please contact me if you have any further questions at this time, I have attached below a summary of some of the activities available during the visit, this information has been sent to us by Herd Farm.

**Total cost of the 5-day residential visit: £90**

<b>Date payment required</b>	<b>Amount payable</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	£15
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	£15
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	£15
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	£15
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	£15
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	£15



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Bike Trail



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Bikes



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Zip Wire



Jacobs Ladder



High Ropes



Teamwork



Climbing Wall



Iron Age Experience



Assault Course



Assault Course



Archery



Group



Crate Stack



Leap Of Faith



Giant Swing



Puzzle Palace



Inflatables



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## Frequently asked questions

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### Where can I find out some more information about Herd Farm?

<http://www.herdfarm.co.uk> should have all the information that you need. You can see photos of the bedrooms and an overview of the activities.

### Does my child have to stay overnight?

We would like all children to take part in as much as possible. We strongly encourage all children to fully participate in the trip. However, we do understand that this is a big step for children. We can make arrangements to make sure that all children are happy to attend. There is the possibility of parents collecting on an evening, although our priority will be to encourage all children to experience the residential element of the trip.

### Is there any more money to pay?

No, £90 is the total cost of the trip and includes all activities, food and accommodation. The only thing that parents will have to organise closer to the time is transport to Herd Farm. It may be that we can pull together to share lifts etc. Not booking a coach has dramatically reduced the cost for everybody.

### What are the sleeping arrangements?

Boys and girls separate in rooms of 2, 3 or 4. Pupils will choose who they share with and will only share with people they are comfortable with. This will be organised closer to the time.

### Can pupils bring phones or electronic devices.

The short answer is no. This is a school trip and the same rules apply. We wouldn't want any pupil to lose or damage an expensive device. This is also against our school safeguarding policy and so no phones or electronic equipment will be allowed. There will be a school phone that pupils can use to text/call home if they want to. We will also be sending live updates via Twitter and the school website as well as through WhatsApp throughout the week.

### Food allergies and medication?

This is not a problem, all pupils with allergies and medication will be catered for. Arrangements made closer to the time.



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# Herd Farm Activities

## Low Level Activities

We work hard to ensure accessibility for all our visitors. We apply this in our strategic planning and will always apply reasonable adjustments where we can. Please discuss your particular needs with our staff.

### Assault Course

The assault course is an activity where the emphasis is on teamwork as opposed to speed. The participants have to work together in order to negotiate various obstacles whilst carrying with them a number of pipes and bucket(s) of water. The idea is for the group to complete the course without dropping the items, putting them down on the ground, spilling the water, etc. Obstacles include a rope swing, swinging planks, a cargo net, parallel bars, a horizontal cargo net, a vertical ladder, concrete tunnels, balance beams and monkey bars.

### Low Ropes

The low ropes course is a set of rope- and timber-based elements. Participants are split into small teams, and each member of the team negotiates the course with a spotter either side of him/her for support. The objective is to get around the course, using only the elements and not touching the ground at all. Elements include Balance Beam, Elvis, Swinging Beam, Postman's Walk, Crossover Ropes, Vertical Cargo Net, Rigging Ropes, Diagonal Rope Walk, Indiana Jones Bridge and Pulley Wheels.

### Orienteering – onsite

An exciting search across the Herd Farm site to find 26 markers using maps and compass. Working in small groups or pairs the activity gives participants chance to be detective. Once markers are found these are logged working towards collecting all 26 letters written on each marker. A fun progressive activity that requires decision making with participants ultimately finding all the markers and the 'letters' allocated to each number. The challenge is to find most or all of the markers.

### Night Line

The night line consists of a series of ropes strung between trees in the woods. Participants have their vision compromised, either by darkness or by wearing goggles/blindfolds. Participants follow the night line ropes by feeling their way along, whilst also feeling for obstructions on the ground and in the air, e.g. low branches. There are five main reasons for undertaking this activity: to experience sensory deprivation, to build trust in oneself, to increase trust in others, to take responsibility for others, and to enhance communication skills. Great fun as a sense of isolation for the participant can take over. Face that challenge!

### Puzzle Palace

The puzzle palace is a fully enclosed room on the second floor of the Herd Farm barn. It contains a number of small team challenges and exercises: Cool Hands, Word Saw, Stepping Stones, Match Up, The Cube, Tangrams, Key Question, Cog Raise, Maze Scramble, Under and Over, and Sign Post. The main learning points are teamwork, cooperation, communication, listening skills, etc. The emphasis is on intellectual, rather than physical, ability. The qualities needed for success include: patience and a steady hand; literacy; problem solving ability; a good memory; initiative; good general knowledge; and geographical ability.

### Traversing Wall

The traversing wall is a longitudinal climbing structure. It is a wooden fence with a series of moulded hand- and foot-holds bolted to it. It is used for traversing, i.e. climbing sideways along the wall as opposed to upwards. The wall is divided into several sections, including an overhang at the end.

The participants move along the wall, one after the other. The challenge is to complete the activity without falling off at all.

### Walk

We have a lovely perimeter walk that doubles as our onsite mountain bike trail. Enjoy the walk taking in all the glory of our site. Through ranch style fence ways meandering next to streams, into woods and along quiet sections of the site. Even night walks are good as although the group will experience rural isolation they are for most part led by a path and never far from the residential barn. Other offsite walks of varying lengths can be undertaken from the Herd Farm site, i.e. routes incorporating views of the Emmerdale film set, Eccup reservoir, the Harewood estate, etc. The walks are led by activity workers and can take place during the day or at night. Routes generally involve a short walk along a local road, before picking up the bridleway network and permissive paths. We offer a first evening walk as part of a residential stay to groups and these are the options we choose from.



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## High Level Activities

(All High level activities apart from the High Ropes can be delivered on dark nights upon request)

### Giant Swing

Up to three riders sit facing the Harewood tree tops and the dreaded 'drop'. Others in the group pull the swing up to 10 meters high before the swingers activate the release system and the gravitational forces kick in. Hold your stomachs! With a combined maximum weight of 60 stone adults can enjoy the thrill as much as young people. A unique activity to team build with where everyone joins in and enjoys the outcome together.

### Archery

Participants are instructed on how to shoot recurve bows on the outdoor archery range. There are two bosses/targets which enable four participants to shoot at any one time (two at each target). Participants take it in turns to approach the shooting line and shoot three in succession. After several rounds of practice shooting, there may be the opportunity to split the group into teams and play competitive scoring games or shoot at balloons, etc.

### Crate Stack

Participants work in pairs to build and climb a tower of crates, supported by belay ropes. Other group members form a chain and pass crates to the participants. The activity continues until the participants are unable to climb any higher or the stack collapses. Group members are responsible for gathering the crates, under supervision of the activity leader, and re-assembling them in readiness for the next pair of participants.

### High Ropes Aerial Challenge

Nine elements of various challenges make up the Aerial Challenge that permits access to a number of participants at a time. The colourful high ropes challenge is a type of aerial assault course. After instruction and completion of a practice at low level, participants access the high ropes course and are faced with seven elements that demand a range of skills, thinking ahead and body strength. Participants not only find themselves facing varying physical configured rope obstacles but they also have to face the fact and deal with these whilst balancing over 20ft in the air! Minimum 4ft height required.

### Balance Together

Participants work in pairs for this activity, supported by belay ropes, to climb up a post and pull themselves up onto a small platform at the top. Once standing on the platform, participants balance together at the top of the pole. As a further challenge, participants can then attempt to hold hands and lean backwards, etc., without losing their balance and falling from the platform.

### Zip Wire

The zip wire is a steel cable which runs from a platform at the top of the hill to the bottom of the Herd Farm site. Participants are connected to the cable with a rope and pulley system attached to their harnesses. They ride down the zip wire and come to a halt at the bottom of the site by means of a bungee cord braking mechanism. Maximum weight 15 stone.

### Jacob's Ladder

The Jacob's ladder is a facility with seven round section beams supported on wire cables and anchored to a timber pole framework. The lower beams are closer together than the upper beams. Participants climb in pairs, side by side, supported by belay ropes. The objective is for the pair to climb as high as possible up the ladder.

### Leap of Faith

Participants work as individuals for this activity, supported by belay ropes, to climb up a post and pull themselves up onto a small platform at the top. Once standing on the platform, participants ready themselves to leap off the platform and attempt to grab hold of a trapeze swing. The distance between the platform and the trapeze can be adjusted.



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