

## Year Transition Trip – Rutland Water Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are extremely pleased with the fantastic start from all of our year 7 students. As a result, we would like to give them an opportunity to celebrate this fantastic start by organising an outdoor pursuits trip to Rutland Water on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. This trip will give students the opportunity to try something new but also to further develop their lifelong friendships with their peers.

We are organising 3 activities on the day. We aim to leave the Suthers School at 11 am and arrive for 12pm. On arrival students will need to have a packed lunch where we will sit as a school and eat lunch until 12.30. At 12.30 students will then take part in **one of the three activities:**

- **Water sports-** Students will take part in a range of activities from sailing, kayaking, and paddle boarding. This will cost £10 for the hour and students will be issued with a wetsuit and buoyancy aid. This activity will require students to bring with them some swimming trunks/ shorts, or a swim suit and an old pair of trainers that they do not mind getting dirty or wet! A towel will also be needed to dry themselves down after the activity. *To take part in this activity it is essential that students can swim at least 25metres.*
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- **Bicycle hire-** Students can hire out a bicycle to cycle across the dam wall to Normanton Church and back again. Students selecting this option will obviously need to be a proficient cyclist and confident in their abilities to ride a bike. Students will be issued with a cycle helmet. The cost of this activity is £14.99. Students will also need a waterproof coat in the event that it rains.
- **Walking/ orienteering-** If your child is not a confident swimmer and cannot ride a bike, or doesn't like the other options available, then maybe this one will be the one for them. Students will get the opportunity to take in the scenic views of Rutland Water and walk from Whitwell to Normanton Church and back. Students will need to bring with them suitable footwear for walking (trainers or walking boots) and some pocket change to grab an ice cream or a drink on the way. Students will also need to bring with them a waterproof coat/ jacket in the event of rain! This activity is free!

As a school we will pay for the travel arrangements to and from The Suthers School. We will book coaches to leave Suthers at 11 am with the intention of returning at 3-3.15pm. If we are held up in traffic we will obviously notify you via email at the earliest opportunity. Students have been issued this letter today in their assembly and have a week to submit their choice. Deadline for all activities will be **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. If we do not hear back from you, students will continue with a bespoke learning programme in school on the day. Please fill in and complete the return slip with your chosen activity, ensuring to indicate clearly which activity you would like your child to take part in. Payments for the activity will be completed through Parent Pay.

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11am- 3.15pm

I would like my child to take part in the following activity. Choose one from the list below:

- Water sport activity, sailing, Kayaking, Paddle boarding- £10.
- Bicycle hire- £14.99
- Walking/ Orienteering (Free)

**Travel arrangements homes:**

- I will pick up my child from school at 3.15pm
- My child will make their own way back home
- I will make alternative arrangements. My child will be collected by.....

Please state relationship to child.....

Emergency contact details (please give 2 contact numbers)

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Parent's signature.....

Date.....

Child's name.....

Tutor group.....

The deadline for the Rutland Water Transition trip is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 9am. To avoid disappointment please ensure to meet this deadline.

**Please hand this return slip to your tutor.**