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### **Hawse End 19-23 2009**

#### **Parents' Meeting Tuesday 29th September – 7.00pm**

Dear All

Many thanks to all those adults accompanying BPS children. We have 8 resident adults and visiting teachers most days – ratios are 4:1 and sometimes better!

Children should be at school at the normal time along with kit bags on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Medicine should be given to your child's team leader in an envelope with the child's name and instructions on the front.

Reach Hawse End approx 10.30am and met by the week's leader where we will be given rules and procedures. Rooms of bunks - bedroom lists organised already. Some of us are living in the cottage. You can take a virtual tour of the rooms on the Hawse End website. Kit issued by Hawse End.

Kit list - list based on 4 day course. Disco and show night clothes! Children should take great care of their belongings AND use drying rooms. Please talk to them! I advise separate underwear per day and extras will be useful! Swimwear needed to wear underneath wetsuits or teddy bears. Hats and gloves essential. **PLEASE name** your child's clothing! Torch imperative for night walk! If your child likes hot drinks, a flask is useful for caving day. Also need packed lunch for first day in disposable bags.

The large house is blue slate and overlooks Derwentwater and is well appointed – with great views! The cottage is 50m away and is similarly well appointed. Food is taken at the house and is very good and those children who do have different dietary needs will be easily catered for. As in previous years we have again organised our own menu! Lounge is extremely comfortable with thick pile carpet and Laura Ashley sofas.

After supper, your children will clear the dining tables, set them for next day and various teams will wash up.... All the centre staff leave the area so BPS are the sole occupants of Hawse End. Evening entertainments include night walk, show night, bingo and disco.

There is a tuck shop which sells a limited range of souvenirs. This is the only reason your child needs money and ONLY if you say he/she needs it. Please do not allow your child a lot of money as he/she will either lose it or buy too many items. The tuck shop will be open on disco night.

Drinks will be dispensed by us in the evenings after evening activities, before bed - and also biscuits/flap jack etc.

It is extremely important that your child goes to sleep in reasonable time - it is no good trying to canoe with eyes that are burning....

Showering will be very useful after some of the events - ensure your child understands that smelly children are not popular children! It's quite difficult to ensure that children do wash...

If you would like to contact us, please go through school who will in turn contact me via a mobile phone. There is a pay phone at Hawse End but I would not like children to use it. This trip is about becoming independent and if every child were to ring home daily, the queue would be enormous and children would be late for sessions. If your child has a problem, we shall contact you at the earliest opportunity. Your child *should not take a mobile phone* – the risk of losing or damaging it is high.

Activities: I have seen the safety documents from Hawse End for all the instructed activities and they are very comprehensive. The risk assessments for activities are updated regularly. Most demand that instructors carry mobile phones or radio communications to quickly contact base in emergency. The instructors are all highly qualified as you would expect of an outdoor activity centre allied to Cumbria County Council. I should add that Cumbria Outdoors runs the Educational Visit Coordinators' courses for CCC.

Explanation of activities:

<b>Kayaking</b>	<b>Canoe rafting</b>	<b>Indoor climbing wall</b>	
<b>Woodland</b>	<b>Caving</b>	<b>Ghyll scramble</b>	<b>Round robin (problem solving)</b>

We shall return to school at approx 3pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, tired but happy. Please expect some pretty dire examples of clothing in the dirty washing – and some will be wet! **Hall floor on Friday...**

Yet again, I suspect that this week will be one of the best we have experienced from BPS.

If you have any queries, please, do not hesitate to contact me later or see me or any of the resident adults after the meeting.

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**These documents are on  
[www.brampton.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.brampton.cumbria.sch.uk)**

- 1 pair of wellingtons
- 1 pair of old trainers (for wet activities) and a pair for dry activities
- 1 pair of slippers/indoor shoes
- Anorak or similar
- 3 jumpers/sweatshirts
- 3 T-shirts
- 4 changes of underwear
- 2 pairs of thick socks
- 4 pairs of ordinary socks
- 2 pairs of trousers/tracksuit bottoms (jeans are not suitable for activity sessions)
- Swimwear
- 2 towels
- Sleepwear
- Hat & gloves
- Large black bin liner (to take home wet clothes!!)
- Tissues, toiletries, torch and any prescribed medicines (labelled and given to your child's group leader).
- Plastic drinks bottle

BRAMPTON PRIMARY, HAWSE END CENTRE - 19th - 23rd OCTOBER 2009

DAY	JH	LC	SD	CK	AS	CR	ADULTS	MINIBUSES	
AM MONDAY	ARRIVE INDUCTION KIT ISSUE								
PM EVE	GHYLL CLIMB (1 OEL)	KAYAK (1 OEL)	CLIMBING WALL (1 OEL) KW	GHYLL CLIMB (1 OEL)	KAYAK (1 OEL)	CANOE RAFT (1 OEL)		3	
AM TUESDAY	CAVE	CG CAVE	CANOE RAFT (1 OEL)	CLIMBING WALL (1 OEL)	FOREST	KW KAYAK (1 OEL)	CAVE	5	
PM EVE	DAY 1 (0EL)	DAY (1 OEL)	KAYAK (1 OEL)	CANOE RAFT (1 OEL) KW	GHYLL CLIMB (1 OEL)	FOREST	DAY 1(0EL)	4	
AM WEDNESDAY	FOREST	KW GHYLL CLIMB (1 OEL)	CAVE	CAVE	CANOE RAFT (1 OEL)	GHYLL CLIMB (1OEL)		4	
PM EVE	CLIMBING WALL (1 OEL)	KW FOREST	DAY 1 (0EL)	DAY 1 (0EL)	CLIMBING WALL (1 OEL)	CLIMBING WALL (1 OEL)		5	
AM THURSDAY	CANOE RAFT (1 OEL)	CLIMBING WALL 1 (0EL)	FOREST	KAYAK 1 (OEL)	KW CAVE	CAVE	CANOE RAFT Poss SCARNESS	4	
PM EVE	KAYAK (1 OEL)	CANOE RAFT (1 OEL)	GHYLL CLIMB (1 OEL)	FOREST	DAY (1 OEL)	DAY (1 OEL)	GYHLL CLIMB 1(0EL)	4	
AM FRIDAY	ROUND ROBIN - PROBLEM SOLVING MW								
PM EVE	RETURN KIT - DEPART 13:30								