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*Headteacher: Lynn Harrison*

Re: Residential

18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents,

Before Easter, I visited the Youth Hostel in Keswick that we booked for this year's residential. The hostel was modern and situated in a lovely spot on the river in Keswick, however, it came to light that a secondary school had also booked to stay there on our first night and two other primary schools were due there for two other nights. We have mixed with other schools previously and it can be part of the fun, but the secondary element added a layer of complexity and the boys would have had to share facilities with other schools.

After much consideration and in conversation with the trip provider, we have taken the unprecedented decision to move the location of the trip. We believe it is the correct decision for the children, especially bearing in mind the younger ones on their first residential.

We have chosen YHA Buttermere, where we can have exclusive use and there will be no chance of other schools booking in. It is a hostel more akin to the ones we have stayed at the last two years. The only downside to this arrangement is we are losing a day, so it will run from Monday to Thursday. However, there will be a reduction in the cost to compensate for this. We are losing the guided walk day, so all the outdoor activities will remain the same. As will the guided walk on the Monday and the Clip n' Climb at the end of the trip.

I have visited the new hostel and it is lovely. There is plenty of space inside and out for the children to use. It is in a peaceful and secluded location and the scenery and views are stunning.

As in previous years, I will hold an information evening after school when you will be able to ask questions and I can go through kit lists etc.

Although I am disappointed to lose a day, the children's wellbeing and enjoyment is my primary consideration and this option addresses that. Hopefully you will understand and agree with our assessment.

Don't feel you have to wait for the meeting to come and see me, Mrs Harrison or Mrs Sweetman if you have any pressing questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bulmer